

Anna Mae (Gibbons) Nelson was born in Jamestown, ND, August 18, 1920, and lived in Nortonville, ND, until 1927, when the family moved near Frazee. Anna Mae attended country school until the eighth grade, then attended Frazee High School graduating in 1938. After graduation, she worked as the secretary for the school principal.

June 15, 1940, she married Lawrence Raymond Nelson of Frazee. Later, they moved into their own home which they built. They had two children: John Lawrence and Sharon Anne.

Anna Mae worked in the Frazee Turkey Plant, Krause's Grocery Store, Our Own Hardware, and later the Star Drug Store. After retirement, she worked part-time as receptionist at the Furey Funeral Home.

Anna Mae had several interests throughout the years including: whist dinner parties, square dancing, sewing club, and Lakes Area Quilters. She enjoyed embroidery, cross-stitch, crewel, hardanger, crocheting, knitting, quilting, and other needle work.

Anna Mae was a member of Baptist Church until closing and then became a member of the Community Alliance Church in Detroit Lakes. Quilting was one of Anna Mae's passions, winning many blue ribbons and grand champions. The foster children, the crisis center and mission were blessed by her many quilts.

Anna Mae was a member of the Lakeside Cemetery Association and Treasurer for fifteen years. She lived in her home for 72 years before moving to assisted living at the Frazee Care Center.

Anna Mae was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eva Gibbins; husband, Lawrence; grandchild, Randy Nelson; and 1 great grandchild, Jerad Nelson.

Surviving Anna Mae are her two children: John (Caroline) Nelson of Ottertail, MN and Sharon (Alfred) Johnson of Hope, ND; 4 grandchildren: Corey (Kent) Jonson, Dawn Blilie, Lynnette (Rick) Anderson and Brenda (Ryan) Larson; 12 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.



With Fondness We Remember



Anna Mae



She Is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she'd want: Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*Only one life will soon be past
Only what's done for Christ will last*

With Fondness We Remember *Anna Mae Nelson*

Date of Birth
August 18, 1920



Date of Death
September 14, 2017

Funeral Service

Thursday, September 21, 2017 - 11 a.m.
Community Alliance Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Joel Arndt

Special Music

Arloine Swanson, Accompanist
Scott Kallis, Accompanist
Ralph & Melanie Mewes, Soloists
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
"Amazing Grace"

Casket Bearers

Diane Mistelske
Joan Ketter
Janet Lindsley
Clareyse Nelson
Julie Nelson
Susan Nelson

Honorary Casket Bearers

Anna Mae's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren &
Great-Great-Grandchildren

Interment

Lakeside Cemetery
Frazee, Minnesota