

God's Work in Faye's Life

Faye Ann Gustafson was born on Nov. 17, 1932 in Minneapolis as the only child of Carl Oscar (a first generation immigrant from Sweden) and Mildred Elouise (née Larson) Gustafson. She split her childhood years between a Chisago County farm and the east side of St. Paul. She was drawn unto the Father and covered by the blood of Jesus as a teenager. After graduating from Johnson High School in St. Paul in 1950, she matriculated at Wheaton College (IL) for a semester but had to return home lacking the funds to continue.

She worked in a 3M chem lab in the 1950s and was active in the campus ministry Young Life, often traveling to Colorado and British Columbia for summer camps. She met her husband, Sid Oakes, while delivering tracts door-to-door. Sid and Faye were married on May 25, 1957. Their first child, Todd, was born in 1959 and daughter, Juli, in 1962. Faye stayed home with her children until Juli was four when she completed her B.A. degree and began primary school teaching for the St. Paul School system. She continued her education with a PhD in Educational Administration, dreaming of becoming a school principal. This aspiration was never fulfilled, but she retired after 27 years. She then served as a professor at Northwestern College in Roseville teaching Science Methods for Elementary Education and supervised student teachers until the impressive age of 84.

Faye was a prayer warrior and a daily Bible reader who committed to memory countless Scripture passages. She also loved to read novels from authors ranging from Lewis and Tolkien to Wodehouse, Clancy, and Jan Karon. She enjoyed playing cards and games like cribbage, UpWords, Rook, and 500 and was a fierce competitor. She was also a loyal attender at her children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's athletic events, concerts, musicals, and dance recitals. She loved spending time with her family whether going out to a restaurant or visiting her lake home. In addition, she enjoyed traveling domestically – especially Hawaii – and once in Europe alongside her husband and daughter, venturing with her father to see his homeland in Sweden.

But Faye mostly loved the Lord, her family, and her church. Over the span of 60 years, she attended Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, Grace Church Roseville, and ending up at First Evangelical Free Church of Maplewood. She loved to worship her Lord through music and sang in the choir at all churches listed. She was also a member of Christian Arts Ministries and the Glad Tidings Choir.

After a brief illness, Faye passed away peacefully on Jun. 3, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sid. Faye is survived by her children Todd and Juli (Glen) Peterson; grandchildren, Calvin and Gareth Oakes, Carrie (Dan) Anderson, Kim (Brook) Hodson, and Mike Peterson; and great-grandchildren, Sydney and Parker Anderson and Galen, Cullen and Hayden Hodson. Praise the Lord Jesus for by his active obedience at the cross, Faye is now safely home.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Faye Ann Oakes

NOV. 17, 1932 – JUN. 3, 2022

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without
wavering, for He who promised is faithful.**

– HEBREWS 10:23 –

Funeral Service

Jun. 24, 2022 | First Evangelical Free Church | Maplewood, MN



**For I am sure that neither death
nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

– ROMANS 8:38-39 –

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Choir – "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

John 5:25-29

Revelation 21:1-7

Choir & Congregation – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Message

Closing Prayer

Choral Benediction – "Hear My Prayer"

Lunch & Fellowship (Gym)

Burial at Union Cemetery (Maplewood, MN)

Service Leaders

Officiant – Pastor Todd Olson

Worship Leader – Sharon Carlson

Pianist – Carmen Sheppard

Pallbearers

Curt Oakes

Calvin Oakes

Gareth Oakes

Glen Peterson

Brook Hodson

Dan Anderson

Cullen Hodson