

We couldn't begin, To count the times
She tolerated our moods,
Consoled our heartbreaks & disappointments,
Endured our ups and downs,
LISTENED to words confused by tears
And just simply understood
For no other reason
Than because **SHE LOVED US.**

The years hold
Precious Memories,
But most of all they hold growth.
In a way, we grew up together...
Mom is our definition
Of a special person... Fantastic...
Exceptional... Unique... Enduring!
She filled our lives with **HAPPINESS**
And sweet feelings that we will
Carry in our hearts *forever.*

Going Home

*Fulkerson
Stevenson*
Funeral Homes

In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE
Arline Mae Pust-Unruh

Born to Harry & Inga Swanson
December 9, 1926~Summit, South Dakota

Passed Away
December 25, 2021~Sidney, Montana

Funeral Services
10:00AM Thursday December 30, 2021
Yellowstone Community Church
Savage, Montana

Officiating
Pastor Butch Hart

Music
Kelli Dirks Deniece Schwab Colleen Fischer

Casketbearers
Nathan Pust Phillip Pust Brady Reuter
Jerren Erickson Erick Pust Chad Taylor

Ushers
Dan Unruh Doug Unruh

Final Resting Place
Sidney Cemetery~Sidney, Montana

Luncheon will be served at the church
following the service

Hope Strength

In
Loving
Memory
Arline Mae
Pust~Unruh

December 9, 1926~December 25, 2021



I'm Spending Christmas With Jesus Christ This Year

*I see the countless Christmas trees,
Around the world below
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars,
Reflecting on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away that tear.
For I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear,
But the sound of the music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here.*

*For I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description
To hear an angel sing.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor,
Or the peace here in this place.
Can you imagine Christmas
With your Savior, face to face?*

*I'll ask Him to light your spirit
As I tell Him of your love
So then pray one for another
As you lift your eyes above.*

*Please let your hearts be joyful,
And let your spirit sing.
For I'm spending Christmas in heaven,
And I'm walking with the King!*

Arline Mae Pust Unruh was born at home, the second child of Harry & Inga Swanson, on December 9, 1926, in Summit, SD. Severe blizzard conditions happened that day and no doctor attended, only a midwife. Her mother nearly died.

In Arline's early years, her family lived in Amsterdam, MT where she attended a country school from the 2nd-8th grade. Her father was a pastor, and her mother was a hospitable, pastor's wife; and so Arline grew up in a home where the children were taught to "care and share" for others; plentiful meals were prepared for unexpected visitors. In the same way, serving meals for many visitors became a tradition that Arline also practiced in her own home for the rest of her life. And it was in that type of home that at an early age, she believed in Jesus to be her Savior.

During her teen years, the family moved to Lambert, MT where her father pastored, and Arline attended Lambert High School. She enjoyed acting, playing the violin, piano, and singing. She also loved to draw and paint. Genuine commitments were made to follow God wholeheartedly during this time while attending various Bible camps.

Arline's first teaching job, as a 17-year-old teenager, was at a one-room country school in Lambert with eight different grades! She went on to St. Paul Bible College obtaining a missions degree, singing in Choral Club, dating her sweetheart Waldo, and graduating in 1949. Years later, she studied to receive an elementary education degree from Eastern Montana College, and graduated in 1970. Arline taught many children to read, being a first- or second-grade teacher in both Savage and Sidney Public schools. She enjoyed children and loved people!

She married Waldo Pust on June 11, 1949 and lived in Sidney, MT. Tragically her father, Harry Swanson, and her firstborn son, Timothy, died in the first two years of marriage. She also experienced a flood and a fire in that same time period. Two years later, she & Waldo moved to their farmhouse south of Sidney, and for fifty-three years, she enjoyed the farm life! Her hobbies included gardening, planting flowers, baking, quilting, singing, and playing the organ. Because of her faith in God, she dedicated many years to the children's ministry at the Yellowstone Community Church. She poured over new curriculum to find the best. If only 10-12 children regularly came, she created a contest to increase attendance! Eastern Montana Bible Camp, Women's Ministry, Missions, Crown College were all recipients of her passion for serving. In March 25, 2003, Waldo passed away at the Sidney Health Center.

Honor Memory

Arline & Waldo were blessed with seven children: Timothy Pust (deceased), Stephen (Marilyn) Pust of Savage, MT, Phyllis (Brad) Barker of Boise, ID, Douglas (Kathy) Pust of Savage, MT, Beverly (Wayne) Beeler of Corinth, TX, Jonathan (Dawn) Pust of Petersburg, AK, Colleen (Greg) Fischer of Savage, MT. Arline deeply loved and cared for her family; each child was dear to her heart.

Through the years, she became grandma to 22 grandchildren: Trevor Pust, Erik Pust, Timothy (Kristin) Eichelberger, Anthony (Mindy) Eichelberger, Tami (Rusty) Banbury, Jana (Chad) Taylor, Sarah Jessi Smith, Nathan (Robin) Pust, Phillip (Karen) Pust, Kasey (Luke) Anderson, Kim (Philip) Ammann, Kevin (Heidi) Beeler, Jackie Beeler, Connie (John) Habern, Stephanie (Ray) Ware, Joshua Pust, (deceased), Andrew Pust, Daniel Pust, Jessica (Jerron) Erickson, Nicki (Brady) Reuter, Amanda (Jory) Bundy, Ryan (Kodi) Fischer; and was great-grandma to 51 great-grandchildren. Each one was a special delight to her! In her final years, she enjoyed communication with many of her nieces and nephews through Facebook. So many people in the community were her wonderful and precious friends!

On November 10, 2017, Arline married Leslie Unruh of Bloomfield, MT —both of them were age 91. They were married almost a year before Les preceded Arline in death on October 12, 2018. Even though both newlyweds were experiencing declining health, their previous lonely life was now filled with sharing and laughter. Arline gladly welcomed Leslie's family...the sons, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren...they were cherished by her. It was a wonderful time!

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2021, Arline, age 95, went to be with her Savior Jesus Christ. Her desire was to serve the Lord all her days!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry & Inga Swanson; her husbands, Waldo Pust, and Les Unruh; her brothers Gordon, Jerry, and Philip Swanson; her sisters Shirley Rediger and Phyllis Tieszen; an infant son Timothy Pust, a grandson Joshua Pust, and three infant great-grandchildren, Kyson and Josie Reuter, and Cecillia Eichelberger. She is survived by her children, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.