



Mary Catherine Lake Boucher

April 2, 1924 - May 24, 2023

1924-2023

Mary Catherine Lake Boucher, age 99, a lifelong resident of her beloved Belen, NM, now residing in Grapevine, TX, went to her heavenly home at 5:53 a.m. on May 24, 2023, following a brief illness. Services will take place at the First Baptist Church in Belen, NM, on Friday, June 9, 2023, beginning with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. and a Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Terrace Grove Cemetery in Belen, NM. She is survived by her daughter, Terri Sue Boucher Vrabel (Charles); grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Wickens (Mike) and Robert Boucher; great-grandson, Connor Phillip Wickens; sister, Eleanor Lake Love; and many nieces and nephews. Mary is preceded in death by her loving husband, the Honorable Mayor Terry Boucher; son, Phillip Larry Boucher (Marijean); granddaughter, Dawna Leigh; parents, Everett Gerald and Lucille Velta Hunton Lake; brothers, Gerald (Edythe), Eppa (Lucille), Edgar (Mary Helen), and Phillip Lake; brother-in-law, John Love; and several nephews. She was born in 1924. Following a hip fracture in 2020, Mary lived in Grapevine, TX, with her grandson, Robert. She had been a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in her teenage years. Mary became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and enjoyed her membership for 79 years. She held several state positions in the Order of Easter Star including Grand Warder, Grand Esther, and Grand Representative to North Dakota and Tennessee respectively. During her life, Mary attended Texas Tech, followed by working on the Santa Fe Railroad during the war. When her

husband became a lawyer, she worked as his legal secretary and did all of his quiet title suits. Mary was a member of both the First Baptist Church of Belen and Los Chavez Baptist Church. During her membership at The First Baptist Church of Belen, she served as a Girls Auxiliary Missions Leader for young girls. Mary also served as the church historian for several years. She especially enjoyed her Sunday School class at Los Chavez Baptist Church. Mary was accepted into the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2017 and was very proud that her lineage was proven to connect with a Revolutionary War patriot. She was a dedicated mother to her family, always participating in her children's, grandchildren's, and great grandson's activities. Mary enjoyed sewing and needlework and crossword puzzles. She took an avid interest in the Space Program and loved to go ballooning with her son, Larry. Mary took pleasure in a Mediterranean Cruise and traveled to the Holy Land, Egypt, the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, and Mexico. She loved family gatherings, both in Belen and at her cabin in Ruidoso. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family thanks the staff at The Lodge of Bear Creek rehab in Grapevine, TX for their exceptional care and the wonderful nurses and doctors at Baylor Scott & White Hospital who cared for her during her illness. Please sign Mary's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Belen
401 Becker Ave
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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Interment

JUN 9. 11:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Rosalinda Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Mary Catherine Lake Boucher*



Rosalinda Ortiz - June 20, 2023 at 05:11 PM

FS

“ *I felt that Mary was my second mom on Second Street. I lived across the street from the Bouchers and grew up with Larry and Terri Sue. Mary was a wonderful person and I will miss her very much but I know I will see her again. All of our long gone relatives have met her in heaven. My love to Terri Sue and family. Frances K Willbanks-SerVoss*

Frances SerVoss - June 08, 2023 at 10:01 AM

MS

“ *From Rainbow days, to being Daddy's companion, Mary was there. Prayers for all of you in your loss.*

Maxine Scriptor - June 05, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LR

“ *Our Eastern Star chapter frequently enjoyed Mary's sweet presence at various events and she became a dear friend of mine. She'll always be re4membered.*



Lauren L. Ruff - June 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

YR

“ Oh, the sweet memories I have of Mrs. Boucher. Playing at her beautiful home with Kimberly was definitely one of them. She was so blessed to live such a long life!!
Many prayers for her family, I loved so much while growing up in Belen at First Baptist Church. All my love, Yolanda Becerra-Rankin
Odessa TX

Yolanda Rankin - June 03, 2023 at 12:09 AM

TV

Thank you, Yolanda. Your memories mean a great deal yo us. Terri Sue

Terri Sue Vrsbel - June 03, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PS

“ Dearest Terri Sue and family, thinking of you today as I remember your mom. I have many fond memories of Mary from our growing up years and Rainbow. She was always so very kind and thoughtful. 99 years is quite the milestone for life on earth. Praying for the peace and comfort of God to surround you and the family as you walk through these days. Love, Pam Steinberg

Pam Steinberg - June 02, 2023 at 09:48 AM

TV

Thank you Pam very much. Yes, we had some great times snd our mothers were always there for us.

Terri Sue Vrsbel - June 02, 2023 at 03:49 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the album FOLEY & MARY



Jim and Mary Kay Foley - June 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JF

We have been next door neighbors to Mary since 1976. Those years have provided us with many treasured memories. Among our most treasured is Mary's connection with the children. Our children Jamie and Jennifer, along with numerous neighborhood children, grew up with Mary's grandchildren, Kimberly and Robert. We were a young neighborhood and the children of Lake Addition were a close group. They shared many childhood adventures. Mary played a special role in their lives. To each of them she was known as "Memaw." These children are grown with children and some with grandchildren of their own. When they refer to Memaw there is a special warmth that brings fond memories and joy. Mary was special, she was real, and their "Memaw" touched their lives and ours as well. Thank you, Mary!❤️

Jim and Mary Kay Foley - June 01, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JF

*To all Mary's Beloved Family,
Thank you for sharing Mary with all of us, her Lake Addition Family!
Jim and Mary Kay Foley*

Jim and Mary Kay Foley - June 01, 2023 at 04:32 PM

TV

Thank you Mary Kay and Mr. Foley. Such a nice photo. I appreciate your kind words. It was indeed a great time back then with our children.

Terri Sue Vrsbel - June 02, 2023 at 03:52 PM

DG

“ David, Kelliana and I are so sad to hear of Mary’s passing. She was my neighbor on Velta Drive since 1977. David did alot of work for Mary in Belen and Ruidoso on her cabin, they became great friends. We attended her 90th Birthday and also the most recent one in Belen. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Our condolences to all of her family 🙏

David & Jackie Gonzales - May 30, 2023 at 04:15 PM

TV

Thank you so much David snd Jackie for your kind condolences. I appreciate the friendship snd all that your family did for my mother.

Terri Sue Vrsbel - May 30, 2023 at 06:01 PM

EL

My sister was 4 years older than me and much wiser than me She had learned to live with four older brothers and was most of the time at my mothers side learning how and helping with all of the household chores So when she grew up and married she was a devoted wife and mother My sister Mary loved Jesus and her church this church First Baptist Belen She taught many children’s Bible classes and other Bible studies My sister rest well with Jesus In the name of Jesus Anen

Eleanor Love - May 31, 2023 at 02:55 AM

EL

A note in the Life of my sister Mary Catherine Lake Boucher

Eleanor Love - May 31, 2023 at 03:10 AM

EL

I loved my sister Mary and I’m right behind you You always got to do things before me Ask Jesus to perspiration a place next to you my sister Mary signed Eleanor Love

Eleanor Love - May 31, 2023 at 03:25 AM

LM

Mrs. Boucher and Mrs. Love were both my Sunday School teachers at First Baptist in Belen. Like so many, I am blessed to have met these beautiful and loving disciples of God in my impressionable girlhood.

Linda Maxwell - June 01, 2023 at 05:06 AM

BL

*Terri Sue and family,
I was saddened to hear of your mother/grandmother's passing. What a blessing to lead such a full life! Having known her for many years, I was blessed to become her neighbor knowing she had high expectations for the neighborhood that had been in her family for years. When she moved to Texas, she definitely left a void. Both Bill and I offer our sincere condolences. May the memories you created with her in your family, be a blessing and strength as you mourn her passing.*

*Sincerely,
Berlinda and Bill Lawson*

Berlinda Lawson - June 01, 2023 at 11:40 AM

TV

Thank you Berlinda and Bill. We had some great time growing up on Belen. I know that mother was so happy when you came to the neighborhood. She truly missed her neighbors.

Terri Sue Vrsbel - June 02, 2023 at 03:56 PM

TV

Linda, thank you so much for your remembrance. We had had great Sunday school and GA leaders. Mother could always make learning fun!

Terri Sue Vrsbel - June 02, 2023 at 03:58 PM

WD

To Terri Sue and family, I went to work in Terry's law office when I was a youngster of 25 and stayed with him after he became a District Judge. I was with him for 18 years. Mary watched me grow into a woman, and the five years that she helped out in the office hold some of my best memories of her. We laughed and we cried together. May she rest in peace now, knowing there are those of us who will never forget her.

Wendy Max Dunford - June 03, 2023 at 11:29 AM

BK

*Dear Terri and family, My heart goes out to you with the loss of your Mommy. What an amazing life she lead. Busy lady in so many interests.I enjoyed reading her obit and learning more about her. You were a very good daughter. You and your family took great care to help and comfort her when she moved to Texas. Again, sending love,
Bonnie*

Bonnie Kurtz - June 03, 2023 at 06:29 PM

SL

*Dear Terri Sue and family,
Your mom was a trooper: a Christen influence to so many, myself included. I remember seeing her in our First Baptist Church when we were in Sunday school, and other activities - very supportive of our individual efforts, encouraging us forward.
When I was a Junior in high school, I could not find the money to buy my senior ring. Your mom worked out a plan where I could work over the Christmas holiday painting the stairs in the basement. I have always been thankful for her heart reaching out to me.
When I was really young, Aunt Mary was babysitting us kids for some reason. We played hard in the back yard, caught crawdads, and put pennies on the train tracks. Oooops! Maybe I shouldn't say that. LOL. She surprised us with vanilla wafer, banana pudding pie. I've always had a love for that ever since.
I loved Aunt Mary. I have been praying that the Peace of our Lord Jesus will comfort your whole family during this moment of loss.
Heaven is not far away.
My Love to you all, Steve Lake*

Steven Lake - June 03, 2023 at 06:43 PM

ML

*Dear Terri Sue, Robert, Kim & Mike, Connor,
Steve and I have enjoyed getting to know you younger ones a bit in NM. "What a treat!" It is always nice to visit with you, Terri Sue. You are pleasant and welcoming as your mother always was.*

I came to know Aunt Mary before we married - late 1960's. In my tiny family - we three children (my siblings & I) had one aunt, one uncle, one cousin. Their family of three lived hours away from us. What a treat to marry into such a huge, loving family. And to be able to celebrate happy occasions with such a crowd - all the same bloodline.

We did not get to NM often - once every two or three years. When Aunt Mary was a widow, we made a point to visit her at her home. Sometimes she did not hear the door bell. Sometimes she did not know who we were at the first. Aunt Mary always dressed beautifully.

Once she greeted us wearing her pretty, silky pajama set. She excused herself to go change in another room. While Steve & I waited in the living room, I could hear her speaking to herself, "What a treat! What a treat!" in a quiet, high-pitched, feminine voice. Sweet!

Today, I know the Lord has blessed Aunt Mary with yet more treats. The more loved ones that go to the Lord's heavenly home, the more my heart begins to imagine heaven - what the Lord told us that no human could imagine. But, Aunt Mary must be exclaiming, "What a treat! What a treat!" as she waits for each of us to finally greet her forever.

*I will be praying for you during this time.
With much love,
Margaret Lake (Peggy)*

Margaret Lake - June 03, 2023 at 07:01 PM