



Amy L Fahnestock

January 23, 1929 - February 26, 2015

Amy Fahnestock, 86, of Grand Island, died at CHI-St Francis on Thur, Feb 26th.

Services to celebrate Amy's life will be held at 11 AM, Monday March 2nd at Calvary Lutheran Church, 13th and Custer, Grand Island. Pastor Sheri Lodel will officiate.

There will be no visitation as Amy chose to be cremated. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family. Amy was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 2009; parents, sister Laura and two brothers-in-law.

Amy is survived by her son Robert Jr, his wife Virginia Fahnestock, daughter Jill Fahnestock, grandson, Ben Fahnestock; all of Grand Island. She is also survived by 13 foster children, sister Arlene Carper of Oakland, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ken and Lou Ann Henkins of Omaha, seven nieces and nephews, as well as many cousins and friends.

Mrs. Fahnestock was born on a farm south of Scribner, NE on January 23rd, 1929 to Martin and Martha (Nieman) Schroeder.

Amy graduated from Scribner High in 1947. On February 10th, 1950 she married the love of her life, Robert Fahnestock, also of Scribner. They were blessed with 59 happy years of marriage. Son, Rob Jr and daughter, Jill, were borne out of this union.

In the early 70's, Bob and Amy became members of the Foster and Adoptive Parents Association of Nebraska. They provided a loving home for foster children Lucy, Virginia, Mark, Jolene, Margie, Vickie, Jeanna, LaRae, Justine,

John, Michael, Roberta and Monica over the next 10 plus years. They were active supporters of foster and adoptive care through their retirement years. They were honored as Native Son and Daughter of the Year by their hometown of Scribner for their work on behalf of foster children.

In their retirement years, both Bob and Amy worked as family supporters for the State of Nebraska; working with families in crisis.

For 20 years, Bob and Amy were active in, and thoroughly enjoyed participating in, a Marriage Encounter Spiral Group.

Amy was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She served on the board, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, spent 10 years as Calvary's funeral lunch coordinator and served as co-president of Women of Calvary for many years.

One of Amy's favorite Bible verses was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Amy loved playing games and cards with her family. She loved writing and won a contest, had a story published and a true story she wrote was used by her Veterinarian, both at a convention and later in a book he wrote. Amy loved dogs, cats, oil painting, collecting recipes, word game books, reading and dancing. Amy began painting again during her stay at Wedgewood, but left-handed. She was proud and pleased to sell her first painting at 85 years of age.

The family requests memorials be given to either Calvary Lutheran Church or donor's choice in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Amy L Fahnestock*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I was so blessed to have known Mrs. Fahnestock. She was the most loving person I have had the fortune of knowing. I am sorry for your loss. She will be missed.*

John Neuhaus - March 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *Faith Nelson lit a candle in memory of Amy L Fahnestock*



Faith Nelson - February 28, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ *This amazing lady opened up her heart, her home and her family and gave me a second chance at life. She was the first person to ever give me a hug and that was at the age of 15! The gifts that she gave to me enabled me to become a successful person and a loving mother. Amy was my Mom!*

Monica Tucker - February 28, 2015 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Jill, I have many fond memories of your mother. She always opened her heart and home to your friends. She was a classy woman, full of spirit life. I am so sorry for her passing. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Deb Brandt

Deb Brandt - February 27, 2015 at 01:03 PM