



## Arleen G. Lake

August 10, 1926 - August 12, 2015

Arleen G. Lake, age 89, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2015. She was born August 10, 1926, in Versailles, a daughter of the late Aubrey and Gorda Sims.

In February of 1951, she was united in marriage to Robert Kidwell, who preceded her in death in 1978. In September of 1978, she was united in marriage to Thomas Ed Lake, who preceded her in death on May 31, 2014.

Arleen spent one summer at Northeast Missouri State Teachers college in Kirksville, one summer at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar and about nine summers at Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg. She completed the requirements for a bachelors degree in education, graduating in July of 1957.

In September of 1945, she began her first teaching assignment at Lone Oak. She spent twelve years teaching in various country schools in the area. In 1957, upon graduating from college, the schools consolidated and she began teaching first grade at the Versailles Elementary school. She taught a total of thirty-seven years, retiring in 1982. She began her second career at the Versailles Walmart as a greeter, where she worked for over twenty years. At Walmart, she enjoyed seeing and visiting with her former students and watching their families grow.

Arleen was a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church and the Glensted United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Niangua Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Missouri State Teachers Association, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star. She had a passion and keen eye for photography. For many years, the television station, KRCG 13 would air many photos she submitted.

Ed and Arleen resided at the Kidwell Home in Versailles since March of 2011. While living there, they were twice named, "Sweethearts of the Year".

She is survived by her son, James Lake of Jefferson City, Missouri; niece, Rita Simmons and husband Carl, Jr. of Holts Summit, Missouri, nephew, Harvey Yarnell and wife Crystal of Versailles, Missouri, nephew, Bill Kidwell and wife Joan of Versailles, Missouri, nephew, Scott Lake and wife Carolyn of Versailles, Missouri, nephew, Mark Lake and wife Donita of Versailles, Missouri and niece, Carla Herndon and husband James of Versailles, Missouri and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Lora Lee Lake and her sister, Ilene Yarnell.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 17th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Lora Cunningham officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles Cemetery Association or the Glensted Cemetery Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery

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## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road

Versailles, MO, 65084

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St., Versailles, MO, US, 65084

**AUG** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I send greetings and condolences to the family. I was a classmate of Arlene's and graduated with her in 1945. Sincerely, Eugene DeCocq, ledecocq@att.net

**Eugene DeCocq** - August 28, 2015 at 03:23 PM

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“ Kelly Dills lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Lake



**Kelly Dills** - August 21, 2015 at 09:06 AM

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“ Mrs. Arleen ( Kidwell) Lake was my second and third grade teacher in 1952--1954 at Bethel School just off Route D. She was an excellent teacher, especially for students in the early elementary grades. I am pleased that she was able to meet my wife, also an elementary school teacher. I still remember the dialogues (plays) she directed that were presented by we students during PTA meetings at Bethel.



**Tom and Yvonne Kerr** - August 20, 2015 at 05:01 PM

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“ Denise Dornan lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Lake



**Denise Dornan** - August 18, 2015 at 05:39 PM

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“ I didn't know Arleen until she became a door greeter at Wal-Mart. EVERY visit she welcomed you as if you were entering her home! Her gracious spirit was never dampened by location, cloudy days (did she ever have any?), or her own worries (again did she ever have any?). She always displayed the same amount of kindness to all. I missed her at the door when she left and I will miss her just knowing she is no longer part of our community.  
Nita Loganbill

**Nita Loganbill** - August 18, 2015 at 04:17 PM

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“ Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Lake



**Mary Ellen Dunnaway** - August 17, 2015 at 07:06 PM

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“ Arleen was so kind to me when I was a first year teacher in the Versailles school system in the fall of 1960-61. She taught first grade and I was teaching second grade. She was always available to give support and answer questions. In later years it was a joy to visit with her when she was a greeter at the Versailles Walmart. She was a special person.

JoAnn Collier

JoAnn Collier - August 17, 2015 at 05:56 AM

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“ Arleen and her parents were our neighbors in the country, and she was my teacher at Walnut Grove school. She would bring us homemade treats and lead us in making neat craft projects - many great memories.

Kathy Draffen Coffman

Kathy Coffman - August 16, 2015 at 06:13 PM

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“ Arleen was a neighbor when I lived in the area. She was a wonderful person.  
Valerie Larm

Valerie Larm - August 16, 2015 at 09:06 AM

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“ Mrs. (Kidwell) Lake was my 2nd and 3rd grade teacher(1952--1954) at Bethel School on Route BB north Of Versailles. A couple of years ago I sent her a picture of the Bethel students and herself. She sent me several post cards telling me how much she appreciated the picture and that she had the picture framed and had it in her room at the Kidwell Home. She was very good with students in the early elementary grades.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - August 15, 2015 at 10:51 PM

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“ Laraine Forth lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Lake



Laraine Forth - August 15, 2015 at 01:11 PM

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“ Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Lake



Michele Miller - August 14, 2015 at 10:06 PM

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“ Arleen was our oldest son, Stanley's first grade teacher. It was his first experience of school and was shared by our foster daughter, Karen. They missed the bus home the first day; Arleen was waiting with them when I picked them up! She was an excellent teacher; I remember sharing books from our home which she so appreciated! I loved her as a friend. In later years she shared her life so tenderly with her husband, Ed at the Kidwell Boarding Home. They both enjoyed the garden flowers and music I brought in the summer time.

Twila Garber - August 14, 2015 at 07:56 AM