

Sylvia, daughter of Victor and Susie (DeBlouw) Lams, was born on February 22, 1937, in Warren, Michigan at her maternal grandparents' home. She was the second of six children.

Sylvia was baptized at St. Clement Church in Warren, MI. Growing up, she participated in Girl Scouts and children's choir, read a book a day, and was often the designated pitcher in elementary school baseball games. She attended Warren Consolidated Schools, graduating as Salutatorian from Warren High in 1954 at the age of 17, having skipped a grade along the way. She started at the University of Detroit, seeking a liberal arts degree and worked at the National Bank of Detroit.

Sylvia met Valery Jaspers while he was stationed with the United States Army at Grosse Pointe, MI. When Valery's Army buddy married Sylvia's cousin, they were maid of honor and best man. Their first date was square dancing and when they danced the Schottische, they cleared the floor. (Sylvia and Valery passed on their love of dancing, teaching all of their children to Waltz and Polka on Sunday mornings after church.)

In December of 1955, Sylvia took the train to visit Valery in Eden, South Dakota. After Christmas Eve Mass, Valery proposed. The two were married on June 23, 1956, in Warren, MI and made their home near Eden, SD.

Sylvia was an active member of Sacred Heart Parish (Altar Society, choir director, teacher's aide at the parish school, and religious education teacher). She taught religion classes at Roslyn High School where she was also a substitute teacher. She wrote many programs, plays, and skits for church and family events. Sylvia organized the Hectic Homemaker Overextended Club and enjoyed playing the role of "The Hectic Homemaker" in full costume with a feather duster "scepter." She dedicated several years working in Human Resources for Dakotah, Inc. in northeast SD.

A master dressmaker, Sylvia created wedding gowns (including her own) and bridesmaid dresses for her family, custom professional suits for several customers, and countless Christmas nightgowns and creations for her children and grandchildren. She was honored for her crewel embroidery work and learned to make Belgian bobbin lace. She could create something out of nothing with her brilliant mind and skilled hands.

A life-long learner, she was often reading and continued taking college courses. Having raised her children, she proudly completed her college degree from the University of South Dakota in 1991.

Sylvia's legacy is in her children: Valery "Val" (Jane) Jaspers Jr., Suzanne (Loren) Skinner, Denise (Robert) Erickson, Helaine (Richard) Fonder, Judith (Jeffrey) Briggs, and Aleta (Mark) Lindell. Receiving her love, stories, and many prayed rosaries are her 17 grandchildren: Tiffany Jaspers (Johann Bayer), Rebecca (Greg) Anderson; Steven (Haley) Skinner, Terese (Chris) Grayson, Preston Skinner; Joseph Erickson, Hannah Erickson; Rita Fonder, Samuel (Mikayla) Fonder, Abraham (Angela) Fonder, Clarissa (Dylan) Johnson, Michaelann Fonder, Dominic Fonder; Meredith Briggs, Natalie Briggs, Elizabeth Lindell, Caroline Lindell; and great-grandchildren: Margaret, Kate, Hazel, Blair, Molly, Christopher, Sapphira, Emory, Stone, Jerrica, Levi, Dallas, Adaline, Sienna, Hailen, Aiden.

Leading the way to eternal life were her beloved husband of 49 years, Valery Jaspers; her parents: Victor and Susie (DeBlouw) Lams; brothers: Victor and Henry Lams; in-laws: Mathias and Loretta Jaspers; sisters-in-law and their spouses: RosaLee and Melvin Opitz and Germaine and Laverne Rice; nephew, John D. Jaspers; and niece Rita Opitz. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law: Mary Susan and John Jaspers; sisters: Carol Lams and Dorothy (Richard) Loverde; sisters-in-law: Barbara (the late Victor) Lams, Andrea (the late Henry Lams/Jerry) Edwards, and Kathryn (Ken) Goehner.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Sylvia Lams Jaspers*

WHO WAS BORN

February 22, 1937

Warren, Michigan

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

May 27, 2025

Montrose, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, May 30, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Eden, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Father Ken Lulf

CON-CELEBRANT

Father Jordan Samson

MUSICIANS

Mary Wagner, Organist

Sacred Heart Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Grandsons:

Steven Skinner | Preston Skinner | Joseph Erickson

Samuel Fonder | Abraham Fonder | Dominic Fonder

INTERMENT

St. Michael's Cemetery

Eden, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Sylvia's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a light luncheon and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

*Mundwiler Funeral Home*

*Milbank, South Dakota*

OFFERTORY SONG



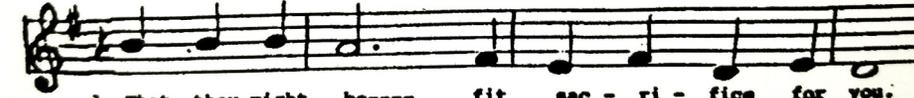
1. You give us hands-- to aid the poor and help-less.
2. You give us hearts-- to love this world of neigh-bors.
3. You give us work-- to earn our dai -- ly liv - ing.
4. You give us wheat-- to nour-ish us and feed us.
5. You give us grapes that flour-ish in the vin-yard.
6. You give a cross to chal-enge us and test us.
7. You give us minds to hear your words and wis-dom.



1. We take our deeds and bring them back to you.
2. We take that love and give it back to you.
3. We take our goods and bring them back to you,
4. We make the bread and bring it back to you,
5. We crush the wine and of-fer it to you.
6. We take our cross and fol-low af-ter you.
7. We hear and pray and turn our thoughts to you.



1. Ac-cept our works, O Lord, and make them ho-ly,
2. Ac-cept our love, O Lord, and make us ho-ly,
3. To feed your poor and shel-ter all your home-less.
4. To bless and break, and make of it your ho-dy,
5. You fill the cup and give your blood to save us,
6. Ac-cept our pain, our wor-ry and our sor-row,
7. Ac-cept our thoughts and lift our minds to Hea-ven,



1. That they might be---- fit sac-ri-fice for you.
2. That we might be---- fit sac-ri-fice for you.
3. In Char-i-ty,--- we of-fer all to you.
4. That it might be---- fit sac-ri-fice for you.
5. To wash our souls-- and make them clean for you.
6. And com-fort us-- through sac-ri-fice for you.
7. That some-day we---- may dwell in peace with you.

Sylvia Lams Jaspers  
September 1998



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1937 - 2025



Accept our thoughts and  
lift our minds to heaven.



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Sylvia's obituary, slide show,  
& online guestbook.

