

**Gladys Ganje Jochim**, 95, of Ft. Pierre and formerly of Eagle Butte, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at Kelly's Retirement Home, Pierre.

Gladys Eunice (Janssen) Jochim was born in Kingsburg, SD September 14, 1919 to Matilda (Ottum) and Carson Janssen. She attended school in Kingsburg for eight years, and she attended high school in Tyndall, SD for two years. Gladys finished her last two years of school in Springfield, SD and also attended her first year of college at Southern there.

She started teaching at the age of 17 with a permit from the state. She taught country school for four years at the Grimme School south of Tyndall. Then she went back to school to get her State Certificate. Gladys spent the next 37 years teaching in Eagle Butte. Gladys loved teaching and the children she taught. She kept in contact with many of her students throughout the years. During this period of time, she married Joe Ganje on September 21, 1943. They spent 28 years together until his death on February 1, 1972.

She married Andy Jochim on July 30, 1976. They spent 38 years together at the ranch north of Eagle Butte and later at Marion's Garden in Ft. Pierre. They had a very happy life together. When they decided to retire they found a very nice place in Fort Pierre where they built a beautiful home near water where they could fish and boat. In September of 2014, Gladys moved to Kelly's Retirement Home where she lived until her passing.

Gladys enjoyed cooking and baking. She was constantly preparing a meal or sending goodies home with any guests that would visit. She would even try to sweeten up her doctors by bringing goodies along to her appointments. Gladys loved to garden and raise flowers. She loved a good game of cards, and she enjoyed riling up her opponents. Gladys spent numerous hours crocheting doilies, afghans, and dolls which she would give to family and friends.

Gladys is survived by her husband, Andy Jochim; her precious dog, Tootsie; numerous nieces and nephews; and her many "adopted children".

She is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Joe Ganje; and her siblings: John "Bud" Janssen, Marie Grimme, Nina Finck, Rena Clark, Jim Janssen, and one infant sibling.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Dakota are preferred.

*In Loving Memory*



*Gladys Ganje Jochim*

*1919-2014*



## ***I'M FREE***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call;  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.  
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now so **HE SET ME FREE.***



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*September 14, 1919  
Kingsburg, South Dakota*

*December 2, 2014  
Pierre, South Dakota*

### **WAKE SERVICE:**

*4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 2014  
St. John's Catholic Church ~ Ft. Pierre, South Dakota*

**CELEBRANT:** *Fr. Ron Garry*

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

*10:00 a.m., Monday, December 8, 2014  
All Saints Catholic Church ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota*

**CELEBRANT:** *Fr. Dan Juelfs*

**LECTOR:** *Kelly Mernin*

### **CASKETBEARERS:**

*Steve Ahlers, Shawn Olsen, Alan Ganje, Jimmy Clark,  
Craig Mickleson, Lynn Waddell, Derick Wortman, Matthew Berndt*

**USHERS:** *Robert Ganje and Nickolas Berndt*

**ORGANIST:** *Twila Schuler*

**SOLOIST:** *Jo Ellen Berndt*

### **HYMNS:**

*"The Old Rugged Cross" "Lord, I'm Coming Home"  
"Just Beyond the Moon" "Thank God For Kids"*

### **PLACE OF BURIAL:**

*United Eagle Butte Cemetery ~ Eagle Butte, South Dakota*