

In Loving Memory of

Opal Bernice Gabler

*December 28, 1919
Cresbard, South Dakota*

*September 13, 2016
Wadena, Minnesota*

*God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place,
He then looked down upon this earth
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He also knew that in Heaven you
Would never hurt again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills harder to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
On the day that God called you home.*

PRAYER SERVICE:

*7:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2016
Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

*10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016
United Methodist Church ~ Cresbard, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING:

Pastor David Birkeland

CASKETBEARERS:

*Michael Gabler, Noah Gabler, April Gabler,
Nathan Gunn, Calvin Gunn, Sarah Spicer*

USHERS:

Dennis Holm and Brent Gabler

MUSICIANS:

*Sarah Spicer, Michael Gabler, Kristin Stuchis,
Aaron Spicer, Noah Gabler*

HYMNS:

*"Amazing Grace" "One Day at a Time"
"It is Well With My Soul" "I'll Fly Away"*

INTERMENT:

*Cresbard Cemetery
Cresbard, South Dakota*



*Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net*

Opal (Wegner) Gabler, 96, of Wadena, MN, formerly of Cresbard, SD, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN.

Opal Bernice Gabler was born to Albert and Matilda (Schaurer) Wegner on December 28, 1919 on a farm north of Cresbard, SD, where she grew up. She attended grade school in Kent Township in Edmunds County and went on to graduate with honors from Cresbard High School in 1939. After graduation, she went to Wenatchee, WA, where she enrolled in the Vetter's Hair Styling School, graduating with a license in Cosmetology. Opal worked for a period of time in Nespelam, WA before going on to Portland, OR.

On June 14, 1942 in Portland, OR, Opal married Harlan Gabler who was working there at the time. He also was formerly from Cresbard, SD. To this union two children were born: a son, Jack and daughter, Susan. In 1951, she and her family moved back to Cresbard, SD to farm until they retired in 1975. After retiring, Opal and her husband did some traveling for a few years. Places they visited included Hawaii, Alaska, and Canada.

Opal was a member of the Richland Wesleyan Church near Mina, SD. She took part in many of the church activities including teaching Sunday School. In later years, she attended the Cresbard Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Cresbard Golden Friendship Sr. Club, and led a ladies Bible Study Group for a period of time. Opal enjoyed her family, church, friends, reading, crafts, and crocheting.

Opal is survived by one son, Jack (Kathy) of Richmond, MN; one daughter, Susan (Don) Gunn of Wadena, MN; two sisters, Alice (Rueben) Miller of Aberdeen, SD, Ruby Bosanko of Ipswich, SD; three brothers: Jim Wegner of Aberdeen, SD, Robert and Gary Wegner of Cresbard, SD; five grandchildren: Michael (Kristin) Gabler of Finland, MN, April Gabler of Missoula, MT, Nathan (Tonya) Gunn of Andover, MN, Calvin (Shana) Gunn of Nevis, MN, and Sarah (Aaron) Spicer of Wadena, MN; 13 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harlan; two sisters; one brother; and one step-brother.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the Wadena Medical Center, Fair Oaks Lodge Nursing Home, Knute Nelson Hospice Care, and all of her relatives and friends who have visited Opal and sent letters and cards of encouragement to her.

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Isaiah 41:10

*“Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.”*