



*In Loving Memory*

# *Gladys Maebelle Gjernes*

December 23, 1929  
Cresbard, South Dakota

January 29, 2017  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

**PRAYER SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2017  
Luce Funeral Home ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 4, 2017  
United Methodist Church ~ Cresbard, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** *Pastor David Birkeland*

**EULOGIST:** *Joie F. Gjernes*

**CASKET BEARERS:**

*Wade Chambers, Kent Chambers, Gene Toennies,  
Mark Toennies, Tim Toennies, David Miller*

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

*All of Gladys' Family, Friends, and Neighbors*

**GUESTBOOK:** *Darlys Holm*

**USHER:** *Dennis Holm*

**MUSICIAN:** *Jaimie Didier*

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

*"Everlasting God" "There Will Be a Day"  
"Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)" "Open Hands"*

**INTERMENT:**

*Cresbard Cemetery ~ Cresbard, South Dakota*

## *When I Must Leave You*

*When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please go on bravely with a gallant smile  
And for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all things the same—  
Spend not your life in empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways—  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.*

*Helen Steiner Rice*



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Gladys Maebelle Toennies was born December 23, 1929 in Cresbard, SD to Walter and Lillian (Bowers) Toennies. She attended school in Cresbard, graduating in 1947. Gladys continued her education at Northern State Teacher's College where she received her teaching certificate. While at Northern, Gladys enjoyed traveling on different traveling classroom tours that took her to Cuba, Nova Scotia, and across the United States. Gladys taught the third grade at both Mansfield and Brentford, SD before getting married.

Gladys married the love of her life, Joie Gjernes on September 16, 1956. Joie and Gladys made their home on the Gjernes family farm south of Chelsea, SD. While living on the farm, Gladys enjoyed her gardening and flowers, and always seemed to have a project of some kind going. During their married life, Joie and Gladys were able to do a lot of traveling. They visited Norway, Canada to go fishing four different times, and also tried to attend Joie's army reunions which were held all over the country.

Gladys was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Cresbard, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Sons of Norway Borgund Lodge.

Those who remain to cherish Gladys' life are her two children: Marvin (LeAnn) Gjernes, Chelsea and Kathy (Jim) Didier, Rapid City; grandchildren: Joie (Brooke) Gjernes, Brookings, Matthew (Abigail) Gjernes, Northville, and Jaimie Didier, Hood River, OR; four great grandchildren: Bailey and Kaylin Gjernes, Brookings and Ryder and Evelyn Gjernes, Northville; sisters-in-law: Lucille Toennies, Judy Toennies, and Shirley Chambers; and many nieces and nephews.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers: Loren and Merlvin Toennies; sister-in-law, Shirley Gjernes; brothers-in-law: Floyd Gjernes and Dean Chambers; and nephew, Dean Toennies.

