

Eileen M. Steger was born in Aberdeen, SD on March 10, 1931 to Henry and Dorothy Pearl (Larson) Steger. She received her education in Aberdeen.

On October 11, 1947 Eileen was united in marriage to James H. Gabler. They made their home on the family farm SW of Cresbard until retiring in 1987. They moved into Cresbard where she remained until moving to Aberdeen in 2009 and then entered the Eastern Star Home in Redfield in 2015.

Eileen enjoyed her social time, you could find her having coffee with friends, playing bridge, or attending events with the Red Hatter's group. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Cresbard where she participated with U.M.W. and circle. She was also actively involved in the Order of Eastern Star, having served in many leadership rolls both on the local and state levels.

Most of all, Eileen enjoyed her family. She was one of their biggest fans, traveling to watch as many events as she could of her children and grandchildren throughout the years.

Those left to cherish her life are her children: Greg (Judy) Gabler, Longmont, CO, Bradley Gabler, Aberdeen, R. Renee Bartholomew, Longmont, CO, and Brent (Diane) Gabler, Cresbard; her grandchildren: Aaron (Julie) Gabler, James (Lindi) Gabler, Joshua (Jenna) Gabler, Brad Gabler, Preston (Debbie) Bowar, Alexis (Aaron) Clarksean, Chandler (Katie) Bartholomew, Ashley (Matt) Toennies, Danielle (Jeremy) Keith, and Roxanne (Matt) Bossley; 22 great-grandchildren; sister, Phylliss Childs; brother, Gordon Steger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James in 1998; sister, Fern Blake, and brother, Courtney Steger.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Eileen M. Gabler
March 10, 1931 - November 2, 2020

In Loving Memory Of
Eileen M. Gabler

March 10, 1931
Aberdeen, South Dakota

November 2, 2020
Redfield, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 7, 2020

United Methodist Church
Cresbard, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Eldon Reich

EULOGIST:

Greg Gabler

CASKET BEARERS:

James Gabler, Aaron Gabler,
Josh Gabler, Katie Gabler,
and Bradley Gabler

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Eileen's Grandchildren
and Great Grandchildren

ORGANIST:

Carol Wiedebush

HYMNS:

"How Great Thou Art"
"In the Garden"
"Abide With Me"

INTERMENT:

Cresbard Cemetery
Cresbard, South Dakota

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,"



The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you."



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