

We couldn't begin, To count the times  
She tolerated our moods,  
Consoled our heartbreaks & disappointments,  
Endured our ups and downs,  
LISTENED to words confused by tears  
And just simply understood  
For no other reason  
Than because **SHE LOVED US.**  
The years hold  
*Precious Memories,*  
But most of all they hold growth.  
In a way, we grew up together...  
Mom is our definition  
Of a special person... Fantastic...  
Exceptional... Unique... Enduring!  
She filled our lives with **HAPPINESS**  
And sweet feelings that we will  
Carry in our hearts *forever.*



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

**Geraldine Hansen**

January 15, 1932 - January 21, 2024



Geraldine “Gerry” Claudia Hansen of Faulkton, and formerly of Orient, was called home on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Faulkton Senior Living. She was 92 years old.

Gerry was born January 15, 1932, to Claude and Ethel (Langford) Harris of Orient, SD. Gerry was the youngest child born to this union, being about 14 years younger than her closest brother. It is said by family members that she was the apple of the family eye and a source of joy to her mother and father. She attended school and graduated from Orient High School in 1950. On September 30, 1950, she married the love of her life, Leslie D. Hansen. They eventually moved and lived on the family farm north of Orient where they raised six children.

Gerry worked as a homemaker and farmers wife until the mid-1960's when she began working at Faulkton Hospital as a nurse's aide, then at the J.P. Shirk Home also as a nurse's aide. In the 1980's she went to work for the State of South Dakota as a home health aide for Faulk County and retired in early 2000. Gerry and Leslie moved off the family farm after purchasing Leslie's parent's home just south of Faulkton in about 2009.

Gerry was a member of the Orient Methodist Church, Orient Methodist Ladies Aide Society, and the Orient PTA. She was active in following and watching her children in school and summer activities. With several classmates, she helped organize Orient All School Reunions for the Orient Hawk School.

She and Leslie would be very proud that they were able to purchase the family farm before retirement and that all six of their children and all nine of their grandchildren have graduated from institutions of higher education.

Survivors include sons: Ross (Eva) Hansen of Orient, Donald (Nancy) Hansen of Egan, and David Hansen of Orient; daughters: Charlene Wiesenborn of Faulkton and Judy Hansen of Rapid City; sisters-in-law: Loretta (Hansen) Ketterling and Patty (Roseland) Hansen; nine grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Dale; son, Larry Lee; her parents: Claude and Ethel Harris; two step-mothers: Mary (Anglin) Harris and Anne (Perry) Harris; two brothers: James and Kenneth; and one sister, Harriet Jonassen.

**Visitation:** 9:00 a.m.,  
Monday, January 29, 2024  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**Funeral Service:** 10:00 a.m.,  
Monday, January 29, 2024  
United Church of Faulkton  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**Minister:** Pastor Shawn Stoll

**Casketbearers:**  
Ryan Hansen - Brad Hansen  
Kim Hamer - Christina Schock  
Brent Wiesenborn - Carly Stolpe  
Jamie Ales - Chris Frederick - Renee Frederick

**Ushers:**  
Matt Schulte - Tom Strasburg

**Organist:** Diane Hansen

**Musical Selections:**  
“Go Rest High on That Mountain”  
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”  
“Because He Lives”  
“On Eagle's Wings”

**Burial:**  
Prairie View Cemetery  
Orient, South Dakota



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