

Mary Sanders, age 86, of Gettysburg, SD, passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2010 at her daughter's home in Cedar Rapids, IA, where Mary's family was able to care for her with the loving support of St. Luke's Hospice and Dr. Nabi and Staff.

Mary Giese was born September 7, 1923 to Otto and Bertha (Driller) Giese at Durant, Iowa, one of eight children. At the age of three their family moved to Marengo, Iowa where she started her schooling. The family then relocated to Conroy, Iowa where her father started farming during the 30's. While living there Mary attended school through the sixth grade. The family then moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where her father worked for a livestock dealer. She



attended school there, seventh through the twelfth grades, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1941.

Following school Mary went to work during the war for Collins Radio which was a defense plant. This is where she met her first husband,

Henry Strellner and they moved to Vinton, Benton County, IA. They had two daughters, Patricia Kay and Pamela Sue. Following Henry's death in 1951 the family moved back to Cedar Rapids. There Mary went to work for Quaker Oats and then eventually Wilson and Company as a private secretary. Here is where she met



Frank Sanders, marrying him in 1957. To this union one son, Michael Alan, was born. She and Frank continued working at the packing plant

until Frank's heart attack when he was pensioned out. After much thought, the family moved to Gettysburg, SD in 1968 where they were able to enjoy what they thought to be the last couple of years of Frank's life. Here the family enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. Frank actively enjoyed many of the years with his family in Gettysburg until his health again started failing in 1975. Frank passed away in 1980.

Mary worked at the Gettysburg Hospital for 20 years retiring in 1988. Even after retiring she continued to work home health, transferring

patients to appointments and operating Mary Maker's House cleaning, working until nearly 80 years old.

Left to cherish her life are three children: Patricia Kay (Dennis) Casner and Pamela Sue (Phillip) Evans all of Cedar Rapids, IA and Michael Alan (Stephanie) Sanders of Gettysburg, SD; five grandchildren: Lisa (Doug) Greif and Nicole (Ryan) Rentschler all of Mount Vernon, IA, Tammy (Kipp) Evans of Marion, IA, TJ (Sharon) Evans of Cedar Rapids, IA and Kadin Sanders of Gettysburg, SD; nine great grandchildren: Kelsey, Kaitlin, Jordan, McKenzie, Tait, Molly, Tyler, Seth and Victoria; three step children; one sister, Betty Schmidt of Daytona Beach, FL; one brother, Otto Paul Giese of Cedar Rapids, IA;



and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, two special companions, one brother and four sisters.

In Loving Memory

Mary Sanders

BORN

September 7, 1923
Durant, Iowa

PASSED AWAY

August 8, 2010
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 14, 2010
Grace Bible Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

MINISTER

Pastor Dick Nickel

CASKETBEARERS

Mike Bohnenkamp, Eugene Nagel,
Mert Mellang, Joe Beetsch,
Bill Wuttke and Erik Nelson

USHERS

Bob Westphal & Allen Vander Vorst

MUSICIAN

Cheryl Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"Here I Am, Lord"
"Amazing Grace"

INTERMENT

Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 28, 2010
Hope Lutheran Church
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

MINISTER

Pastor Dan Clark-Bridges



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 knew you would never
Get well on earth again

He saw that the road was getting rough
And the hills are hard 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
The day God called you home.



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

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