## "I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus this Year"

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
with tiny lights like Heaven stars
reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular
Please wipe away that tear
For I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear
O', the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

For I have no words to tell you
of the joy their voices bring
for it's beyond description
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart.
but, through our memories so dear…..
We're never far apart.

I can't tell you of the splendor
or the peace here in this place
Can you just imagine Christmas
with Our Savior.......face-to-face.

I'll ask Him to light your spirit
As I tell Him of your Love.
Then I'll pray for 'One another'
As you lift your eyes above.

So please let your heart be joyful
and let your spirit sing
for I'm spending Christmas in Heaven
and I'm walking with the King.



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*In Loving Memory Of*

# Lyle E. Griese

| August 6, 1922 | December 11, 2011 |
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| Tolstoy, South Dakota | Gettysburg, South Dakota |

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**MUSIC:** Cristin Turner ~ "Never Alone"

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**
11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. Jerry Kopel

**LECTOR:** Don Hericks

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Doug Turner

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Megan Simon & Kyra Liebig

**OFFERTORY:** Kristi Kobleur, Ashley Sevigny,
Erika Sevigny & Cristin Turner

**PLACING OF THE PALL:** Dwayne & Don Griese

**CASKETBEARERS:** *"Grandsons"*

| Lucas Turner | | Thaddeus Liebig |
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| David Geraets | | Brian Simon |
| Dustin Griese | Douglas Griese | Jon Griese |

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**
Lyle's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

**MUSICIANS:** Judy Robbennolt & Sacred Heart Choir
Colleen Simon ~ "If You Could See Me Now"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:** "Faith of Our Fathers"
"Be Not Afraid"  "Song of Farewell"  "Amazing Grace"

**INTERMENT:**
St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery ~ Onaka, South Dakota

*Lyle Griese*, 89 of Gettysburg, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2011 at his home in Gettysburg.

Lyle was born August 6, 1922 in Tolstoy, SD at the family home in Springs Community to Edward and Matilda (Dale) Griese. Throughout his childhood, Lyle worked on the family farm and grew to love farm life. He met Josephine Barondeau while she was working in the Springs Community and they were married April 10, 1944. They resided on the family farm until 1997 and then moved to Gettysburg.

Lyle and Josephine were happily married for 62 years. They cherished the opportunity to watch their family grow over the years and loved spending as much time as possible with their 33 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

Lyle was proud to be a "farmer" and farmed until the time of his death. He was an active member of his community by donating his time and talents for the benefit of those around him. He served on the Fairview Township school board, the Potter County ASCS board, and helped organize the care for the Springs Community cemetery. Lyle was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a strong supporter of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, the Catholic Foundation for Eastern South Dakota, and his local church.

In his later years, his time was spent visiting with neighbors, attending livestock sales, playing cards at the Gettysburg Senior Center, woodworking in his shop, and watching baseball.

Survivors include his children Carol (Roger) Simon of Tolstoy, Dwayne (JoAnn) Griese of Woodbridge, VA., Kathy (Mike) Geraets of Dell Rapids, Marcia (Roger) Liebig of Gettysburg, Donald (Theresa) Griese of Aberdeen, Mary (Doug) Turner of Bowdle and Linda (Ken) Sevigny of Olathe, KS; 31 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren; and brother, Lloyd Griese of North Highland, CA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine; his parents; an infant son, Gerald; daughter, Joan; sisters, Laura, Edna, Sylvia, Agnes, Mabel, and Leona; grandson, Andrew Liebig; granddaughter, Kristina Sevigny; and great granddaughters Chole and Ellie Geraets.