



The Family Chain

*If Love could have
saved you –*

You would not have died.

*If tears could bring
you back*

You'd be here by our side.

*It broke our heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*He gently closed your weary eyes
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*

*And though we cannot see you,
In our hearts your love will always shine.*

*God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.*

In Loving Memory Of

Edith Irene Bartels

July 13, 1929

Potter Co., South Dakota

December 6, 2013

Aberdeen, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2013

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14, 2013

United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKETBEARERS:

Geoffrey Fennel

Clint Bartels

Paul Kellogg

Corey Glass

Adam Fennel

Ryan Wuttke

Andriy Budnyy

USHER:

Jerry Hauck

ORGANIST:

Gail Larson

SOLOIST:

Sarah Sue Tanner ~ "In the Garden"

HYMNS:

"He Leadeth Me" "Hymn of Promise"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery

Gettysburg, South Dakota

Edith Bartels passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 at the Aberdeen Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Edith Irene Kearns was born July 13, 1929 to Owen and Jeannie (Sutton) Kearns. She grew up in rural western Potter County, attended rural grade school and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1947. She married Louie Bartels on Nov. 27, 1949. Four children were born to this union. They lived 62 years on their farm west of Gettysburg; the last 2 years they have resided in Aberdeen.

Edith will long be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was deeply involved with 4-H; her family and friends laugh that she taught half of Potter County how to sew – not just the daughters in 4-H, but their mothers too. A superb cook, Edith cooked meals for her family and farm-help yearlong and for as many as 15-20 at harvest time in addition to the many banquets for numerous groups especially FFA & FHA (FCCLA) Awards. Being an Extension Club member fueled her love for teaching youth and being active in her community. She was honored to receive the SD Eminent Homemaker Award in 1999.

Edith was a founding member of the Medicine Rock Cowbelles, served on the SD Beef Council; the Cowbelles later became the American National Cattle Women. She enjoyed her many roles as a part of the State and National Beef-Cook-Off competitions, serving at all levels including Chairman when SD hosted the Cook-Off in 1981. She helped develop and install Ag in the Classroom throughout our schools and traveled at the state and national level promoting agriculture and beef industry. In honor of her work she was inducted into the SD Hall of Fame in 2004.

She was a 50+ year member of Eastern Star, active in Job's Daughters, United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary. In their retirement years Edith and Louie enjoyed winters in Sun City West, AZ. There Edith began extensive research of family genealogy providing numerous notebooks and family photos to Bartels, Kearns and Sutton families. She also enjoyed being a member of the International Ikebana Society, exploring the art of Japanese flower arranging.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Louie of Aberdeen. Daughter Marcine (Arne) Fennel, Concord, NC. Their children: Alicia (Corey) Glass, Waxhaw, NC; Geoff (Celyn) Fennel, Decatur, GA; Adam (Rebecca) Fennel, Tega Cay, SC; Julie (Andriy) Budny, Tampa Bay, FL. Daughter-in-law Corlene Bartels (Owen) Elk Horn, WI. Their son, Clint Bartels, Frasier, CO. Owen's children: Bob (Annelies) Bartels, Mount Buller, Australia; Cristin (Mark) Wantland, Sugar Hill, GA. Son-in-law Bill (Corliss) Kellogg, Gettysburg. Children of Bill and Ethel Kellogg: Paul (Bonnie) Kellogg, Gettysburg, Rebecca (Ryan) Wuttke, Scottsdale, AZ, Elizabeth Kellogg, Sioux Falls. Daughter Marion (Dean) Marske, their daughters Megan and Kallie, all of Aberdeen. Great-grandchildren: Dylan and Garrett Glass, Anja and Marcus Bartels, Alexis Kellogg, Nathaniel Wantland, Ava and Kennedy Leedom. Sisters: Dorothy (Herb) Lesmeister, Belle Fourche, Janet (Robert) Gesinger, Ridgeview, SD, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Edith was preceded in death by brothers Edwin (Buddy) and Francis, her parents, stepmothers Martha and Selma Kearns, son Owen, daughter Ethel, great-granddaughter Ashley Kellogg.

