



How Do I Love Thee?

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love thee with passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seem to lose
With my lost saints—I love thee with breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

In Loving Memory Of

Vincent H. Bitzer

*April 9, 1926
Tolstoy, South Dakota*

*January 28, 2014
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

WAKE SERVICE

*7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*10:30 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2014
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING ~ Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR ~ Corey Brown

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER ~ Jim Bitzer

**PLACING OF THE PALL "Daughters" ~ Lexie Hilmoe, Mary Lynn Brown,
Kathy Rost, Liz McGuire, Michelle Vogel**

GIFT BEARERS "Sons" ~ Jim Bitzer, Bob Bitzer, Tom Bitzer

ALTAR SERVERS ~ Alyson Hageman & Michaela Simon

**CASKETBEARERS "Grandsons" ~ Corey Brown, Ryan Brown, Matt Hilmoe,
Gabe Hilmoe, Jon Rost, Nick Rost, Jason Bitzer, Josh Bitzer, Travis Bitzer,
Adam Bitzer, Tony McGuire, Andy McGuire, Lucas Vogel**

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS "Granddaughters" ~ Sarah Yost,
Angie Cedarstrand, Christie Brown-Munoz, Kacey Rost, Jessie Rost,
Kari Taggart, Kelli Rhodes, Brooke Ruis, Annie McGuire,
Maggie McGuire, Erika Rausch, Jenna Vogel**

MUSICIAN ~ Colleen Simon

**HYMNS ~ "How Great Thou Art" "On Eagle's Wings"
"Be Not Afraid" "Song of Farewell" "Amazing Grace"**

INTERMENT

**Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota
With Military Honors**

Vincent H. Bitzer, 87, Gettysburg, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Vincent Harold Bitzer was born April 9, 1926 in Tolstoy, SD, to Harold M. and Elma (Glanzman) Bitzer. He attended school at Tolstoy, Onaka and graduated from Hoven High School in 1944. Vincent enlisted in the United States Navy, serving from 1944 to 1946.

When Vincent was discharged from the Navy, he played amateur baseball in Alma, WI.

On February 18, 1950, he was united in marriage to Mary Baus at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hoven. They made their home in Tolstoy and Vincent went to work for Standard Oil driving fuel truck. Following this he became a rural mail carrier, delivering mail until his retirement in 1986. Vincent and Mary remained in Tolstoy until 2004 when they made the move to Gettysburg. In April 2013, they entered the Oahe Manor, residing there until the time of his death.

Vincent enjoyed spending time golfing, hunting, fishing, bowling and playing baseball. He especially enjoyed these activities with his grandchildren. Vincent was a member of the Tolstoy and Hoven School Boards and the Hoven American Legion.

His life will be cherished by his wife, Mary of Gettysburg; his children: Lexie (Dennis) Hilmoe of Coon Rapids, MN, Mary Lynn (Ken) Brown of Gettysburg, Kathy Rost of Springfield, OR, Jim (Kathy) Bitzer of Seneca, Bob (Kathy) Bitzer of Denver, CO, Liz (Rick) McGuire of Lake Preston, Tom (Kari) Bitzer of Loveland, CO and Michelle (Rick) Vogel of Gettysburg; 25 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and one sister, LaVonne (Philip) Vik of Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son in law, John Rost and two grandchildren: Jared and Jeffrey Bitzer.



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