

*In Loving Memory Of*

# *Alma Heier*

*July 27, 1925  
Java, South Dakota*

*January 20, 2015  
Gettysburg, South Dakota*

*Hear, O Lord, and be  
merciful to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!  
You have turned for me my  
mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing your  
praise and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give  
thanks to you forever!*

*Psalms 30:10-12*

**PRAYER SERVICE:**

*7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 25, 2015  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

*10:30 a.m., Monday, January 26, 2015  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Pastor Daniel Tews*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

<i>Bart Worth</i>	<i>Kelly O'Bryan</i>
<i>Preston Worth</i>	<i>Mick Kennedy</i>
<i>Aaron Walberg</i>	<i>Wade Tobin</i>
<i>Samuel Tobin</i>	<i>Kelly O'Bryan</i>

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

*Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and Great-Great-Grandchild*

**USHERS:**

*Florian Drexler and Gene Hortness*

**ORGANIST:**

*Gail Larson*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

*"Amazing Grace" "The Old Rugged Cross" "How Great Thou Art"*

**INTERMENT:**

*Gettysburg Cemetery  
Gettysburg, South Dakota*



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*Alma Emma (Bieber) Heier* was born to Jacob C. and Eva (Perman) Bieber on July 27, 1925 at Java, SD. She was raised on the farm south of Java and baptized at Java Lutheran Church. She attended rural grade school, graduated from Selby High School, and received her teaching certificate at Northern State College in Aberdeen.

On June 10, 1945 she married Alvin Heier and eventually moved to the farm southeast of Gettysburg in Sully County. After Marty and Susan were born, Alma kept busy raising the girls, helping with the farming and ranching, substitute teaching, and eventually began teaching full time in rural schools. In 1979, they moved to Gettysburg where Alma taught 5th grade until her retirement in 1989.

Al and Alma served the Gettysburg community 'Meals on Wheels' for several years. They loved to cheer for the Battlers! They enjoyed playing cards and dominoes, square dancing, bowling, and traveling. Shortly after Alvin's death in 2009, Alma moved to the Logan Apartments where she resided until October of 2014 when she moved into Avera Oahe Manor.

Alma was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Senior Citizens Bowling League, and the Medicine Rock Senior Center. She was also an active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Memories of her life will be cherished by her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Marty and Mick Bliese of Gettysburg and their children Heidi (Dan) O'Bryan of Colome, Wade (Jenn) Tobin of Spearfish, and Kevin (Kristi) Bliese of Bath; and Susan and Dolan Worth of Gettysburg and their children Bart (Carmen) Worth of Gettysburg, Heather (Mick) Kennedy of Harrisburg, and Mandy (Aaron) Walberg of Aberdeen. Fourteen great grandchildren and one great, great grandson are richer for having shared her life: Kelly and Sara O'Bryan, Cora, Sam, and Josie Tobin, Conner Duven and Bridger Bliese, Paige and Preston Worth, Lexi (Dallas) Hilkeimeier and son Cayden, Kaci Kennedy, and Aaron, Russell, and Madelyn Walberg. Also surviving are two sisters: Meta Overgaard of Grafton, WI and Venoye (Duane) Hughes of Sioux Falls; three brothers: Duane (Ginger) Bieber of Omaha, NE, and Jerry Bieber and Kenny (Bonnie) Bieber all of Gettysburg.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters: Martha Heier, Ellora Patterson, and Henrietta Wright; one brother, Rueben Bieber; and one grandchild, Tammy Tobin.

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