



God saw she was  
getting tired  
And a cure was  
not to be,  
So He put His arms  
around her  
And whispered "Come  
with me."

With tearful eyes  
We watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We would not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.



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In Loving Memory of

## **Shirley Meeks**

June 19, 1937  
Gettysburg, SD

July 22, 2015  
Sioux Falls, SD

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

2:00 p.m., Monday, July 27, 2015  
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Jeff Adel

### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

Grandchildren, Step Grandchildren, and  
Step Great-Grandchildren  
Longtime Friends and Classmates

**USHERS:** Cheryl Sautner and Ken Forgey

**PIANIST:** Gail Larson

### **VOCALIST:**

Pastor Jeff Adel ~ "On Eagle's Wings"

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"

### **INURNMENT:**

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**Shirley Meeks**, 78, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Gettysburg, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Shirley Mae Palmer was born June 19, 1937 in Gettysburg, SD to Lawrence and Alvena (Martz) Palmer. She attended school in the Gettysburg area, graduating in 1955. Shirley went on to receive certificates in Early Childhood and Rural Education from Northern State Teachers College. She taught in Stewart, MN, Pierre and Gettysburg.

On June 14, 1959, Shirley was united in marriage to Elmer "Vern" Meeks. They made their home in Gettysburg, but have also lived in Faulkton and Sioux Falls. Through the years, Shirley has been a teacher, high school librarian and Potter County Librarian.

Shirley kept busy with her family and enjoyed staying in contact with her high school and college friends. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son, Brad (Terri) Meeks, Steamboat Springs, CO; grandchildren: Devon and Mariah; step grandchildren: Mitchell Hoy and Ari Hoy; step great grandchildren: Juniper Hoy and Berlyn Hoy; daughter, Belinda (Todd) Martinmaas, Brandon, SD; grandchildren: Trevor, Garret, and Briana; brother, Ed (Kathy) Palmer, Grasston, MN; brother-in-law: Ken (Marilyn) Meeks, Ames, IA; sister-in-law: Grace Hart, Redland, CA; and several nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Meeks; her parents: Lawrence Palmer and Alvena Breen; and stepfather, Ervin Breen.



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