

In Loving Memory Of

Earle C. "Pete" Tanner

August 21, 1911 ♀ October 30, 2015
White Lake, South Dakota Gettysburg, South Dakota

*To Those I Love And
Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"*

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, November 6, 2015
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 7, 2015
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKETBEARERS:

Joe Weinert, Dick Hericks, Matt Arbach, Neal Lemler,
Lanny Wager, Victor Beringer, Danny Worth,
Loren Holzwarth, Eugene Nagel

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

The Maas Twins ~ Amy Lake and Elma Mangin,
Dr. Mark Erickstad, Jim Lake, Don Kunstle, Dick Gray,
Quiett Farms, All of Pete's Family and Friends

USHERS: Judy Hellhake and Don Hinckley

PIANIST: Pauline Brehe

VOCALIST:

Sarah Larson ~ "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"How Great Thou Art" "In the Garden" "Hymn of Promise"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Earle Clayton “Pete” Tanner was born August 21, 1911, to John and Mary (Clark) Tanner in White Lake, SD. The youngest of thirteen, he was only two years old when his family moved to Potter County and settled in Lincoln Township. Earle attended the Maucher School for much of his education, but also spent a couple of years at the Gettysburg school. After completing eighth grade, Earle returned to work on the farm.

On August 20, 1937, Earle married Mildred “Bee” Louise Kammer in Gettysburg, SD. They made their home on the Tanner farmstead, and to this union, six children were born. Earle and Mildred’s farmstead joined the Century Farm Club in 2014, with Earle having lived on the farm all 100 years.

Throughout the years, Earle took over his father’s threshing crew, farmed, ranched, and ran a poultry business. He and his brother, Howard, raised award-winning turkeys that were shown in turkey shows in a three-state area. During his life, Earle was an active member in the community. He worked for the WPA building roads and dams in the 1930s, served on the school board, was a director for the Federal Land Bank, served as president of the Appomattox Community Club, was a 4-H leader for the Appomattox Go-Getters, and was a member of the United Methodist Church. Earle and Mildred attended and hosted many barn dances with friends, and community club was always a highlight of the weekends. Earle was a talented woodworker who, with Mildred’s painting skills, made many special gifts for family and friends. In his later years, Earle enjoyed reading the daily newspaper, watching food shows, Lawrence Welk, baseball, bird watching, local history, keeping up on the latest farming and ranching trends, and going to town on Saturday. Earle thoroughly enjoyed people and conversation. He had a personality and love for life that remains unmatched.

Earle is survived by his wife of 78 years, Mildred; six children, Donald (Tonya) Tanner of Gettysburg; Shirley (Joe) Warfel of Custer, SD; Delores (the late Larry) Larrington of Wilber, NE; Mary (Kermit) Wager of Gettysburg; Jacqueline (Loren) Ritter of Aberdeen, SD; Ronnie (Lila) Tanner of Gettysburg; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-seven great grandchildren; seventeen great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Earle was preceded in death by his parents, his twelve brothers and sisters, one son-in-law, one grandson, two great grandchildren, his mother and father-in-law, and one brother-in-law.

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