



There's a big moon
in the sky tonight
The clouds of the
day have vanished
And the air is
crisp and clear.

If I could have one wish tonight
I'd wish that you were here.
But that's not going to happen
At least for a while.
So I'll just dream of you at night
And by day recall your smile.

By Gene Cavanaugh



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

Edna Cavanaugh

July 4, 1936
DeGrey, South Dakota

November 29, 2015
Rapid City, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 5, 2015
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Jeff Adel

CASKETBEARERS:

Ryan Cavanaugh	Katelyn Cavanaugh
P.J. Cavanaugh	Emily Cavanaugh
Joey Stauss	Jesse Weber

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

All of Edna's Family and Friends

USHERS: Steve and Jay Mikkelsen

PIANIST: Gail Larson

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"Standing on the Promises" "In the Sweet By and By"
"Life's Railway to Heaven"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

Edna Cavanaugh, age 79, of Gettysburg, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Edna Mae Cavanaugh was born July 4, 1936, on the family farm near DeGrey, SD, to George and Marie (Steiner) Bowman. Edna was the seventh of eight children. Her family farmed, ranched, and grew melons on the Missouri River.

She married the love of her life, Gene Cavanaugh, in November 1955, whom she met at one of the many area dances they loved to attend. She and Gene spent their lives farming, ranching, and raising their children on their farm west of Agar. In 1996, they moved their house to a vacant lot in Gettysburg where they lived until Gene's health issues required him to move to a healthcare facility. Shortly after that, Edna sold the house and moved to an apartment where she lived until her death.

Edna was a life-long member of the Agar and Gettysburg United Methodist Churches. She was a fixture in the church choir and served as a church board member. For many years, she also sang with the Sully County Chorus, performing in the annual Christmas Cantata and at other special events. She served on the Agar School Board and completed training to become a Postmistress. Edna worked for a time at LaFave Electric and for many years at Paul Nelson Farms.

Edna's cakes, which she made for birthdays, anniversaries, and any special occasion, were legendary. Her grandchildren loved her cakes and, especially, the extra frosting she would make to put on graham crackers. Edna took thousands of photographs, always telling her children and grandchildren, "Just one more". After moving to Gettysburg, Edna took up scrapbooking, proudly organizing the photos she had taken. Edna and Gene loved square dancing and Edna even took up square dance calling for a time. They spent many hours driving to their children's and grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

Edna is survived by children: Dan (Julie) Cavanaugh, Rapid City, Marty (Kelle) Cavanaugh, Rapid City, Barry (Laurie) Cavanaugh, Colorado Springs, CO, Lori (Larry) Stauss, Longmont, CO, and Carmen (Bob) Weber, Eureka; thirteen grandchildren; Michael (Lynn) Cavanaugh, Ryan Cavanaugh, PJ Cavanaugh, Elizabeth (Matt) Ward, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Emily Cavanaugh, Hannah Cavanaugh, Joey Stauss, Heidi Stauss, Courtney Weber, Jesse Weber, Megan Weber, and Melissa (Nate) Moyer; four great grandchildren; Jackson Cavanaugh, Henry Ward, Mariah Moyer, and Nadia Moyer; two brothers; one sister; numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and grand nephews; and Edna and Gene's "adopted" family, very special friends Ian and Annelize deKock and their daughter Lizaan.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband; an infant great grandson, Thomas Ward; her parents; three brothers; and one sister.

