

The Family Chain

*If love could have saved you –
You would not have died.
If tears could bring you back,
You'd be by our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*God takes us one by one
And breaks the family chain.
But somewhere in a better land
Our chain will link again.*



In Loving Memory of

Anne M. Hansen

*May 1, 1923
Rijnsberg, the Netherlands*

*May 28, 2016
Overland Park, KS*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

*2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 2016
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Jeff Adel

HONORARY BEARERS:

GRANDCHILDREN ~ Nicole Gacke, Patrick Adams,
Jason Flohrs, Jennifer Flohrs and Grant Steele
GREAT GRANDCHILDREN ~ Kiera and Alexis Gacke

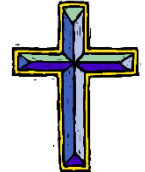


USHER:

Karen Willey

PIANIST:

Nancy Smith



HYMNS:

“Hymn of Promise” “Amazing Grace” “In the Garden”

INURNMENT:

Lebanon Cemetery ~ Lebanon, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Anne M. Hansen, 93, a long-time resident of Gettysburg, SD, passed away May 28, 2016, in Overland Park, KS.

Anne was born May 1, 1923, in Rijnsberg, the Netherlands, to parents Jacob and Maartje Van den Eykel. In 1923, the family immigrated to America, settling on a farm in Lebanon, SD. Anne attended Lebanon schools through her sophomore year, when her father bought a farm near Gettysburg, SD, where she completed high school. Anne attended Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, SD, where she graduated with a degree in composite social science and botany, a natural choice considering her love of knowledge and nature. Anne went on to earn her Masters and to teach many students in schools in Tolstoy, Highmore and Lincoln School in Potter County. She was a much beloved teacher and is remembered by many former students who still keep in touch.

Anne married Lyle Hansen in 1947 and had four children: Terri, Vicki, Lyla, and Brad. Anne was a friend to many over the years, never meeting a stranger due to her ease of conversation and genuine interest in the lives of others. She maintained an unwavering faith in God and possessed a contagious laugh and wonderful sense of humor. She had a zest for befriending and helping others and often cared for others through her love of baking and cooking from scratch. She loved to sing and play cards and board games with her friends, her children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Anne taught her children by example to live life fully, passionately and courageously, and to appreciate the wonders of life through the beauty in a tree, or a flower, or a rainbow, and to hear the quiet voice of God in the song of a bird. She possessed an indomitable spirit and lived her life bravely and gracefully throughout her final hours.

She is survived by her children: Terri (Sam) Adams, Vicki Steele, Lyla (Bill) Flohrs and Brad (Mary Jo) Hansen; grandchildren: Nicole (Matt) Gacke, Patrick (Annie) Adams, Jason Flohrs, Jennifer Flohrs, and Grant Steele; great-grandchildren, Kiera and Alexis Gacke; and her brother, Martin.

Anne is preceded in death by her father and mother, Jacob and Maartje; her infant brother, Johnny; and brothers, Jake and Gerrit.

