



## Consolation

*There is never a day so dreary  
But God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trusts Him.  
He giveth songs in the night.  
There is never a path so hidden,  
But God can lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance  
And patiently wait and pray.*

*There is never a cross so heavy  
But the nail-scarred hands are there  
Outstretched in tender compassion  
The burden to help us bear.  
There is never a heart so broken,  
But the loving Lord can heal.  
The heart that was pierced on Calvary  
Doth still for his loved ones feel.*

*There is never a life so darkened,  
So hopeless and unblessed,  
But may be filled with the light of God  
And enter His promised rest.  
There is never a sin or sorrow,  
There is never a care or loss,  
But that we may bring to Jesus  
And leave at the foot of the cross.*



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*In Loving Memory Of*

# Marie Josephine Umiker

September 12, 1918  
Hardwick, Minnesota

August 10, 2021  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

### PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2021  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Rev. Robert Hinckley

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Rev. David Otten

### CASKET BEARERS: "Grandsons"

Kevin Kirby, Lee Kirby, Kelly Kirby, Robert "Bob" Hinckley,  
Jeff Fransen, Terry Fransen, Bryan Umiker,  
Jonathon Umiker, Brad Frost, and John C. Umiker

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: "Granddaughters"

Barb Umiker, Brenda Even, Tina Pengra, Lisa Schaefer,  
Kari Decker, Tonya Dunn, Angela Garvey, and Nickie LeBeau

**USHER:** Ed Wager

**VOCALIST:** Hannah Hager "How Great Thou Art"

**PIANIST:** Nancy Holzwarth

### HYMNS:

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"  
"Just As I Am" "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

### INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**Marie J. Umiker**, of Gettysburg, just about one month shy of her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday, went to her eternal home on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg.

Marie Josephine (VanBockel) Umiker was born September 12, 1918, to Peter and Rena (Hiemstra) VanBockel at Hardwick, Minnesota. When Marie was seven years old, she and her family, along with other relatives, came on an immigrant train to Lebanon, SD. The family settled on a farm south of Lebanon.

When Marie was 10 years old their family home burned down and so the family lived in a granary while a new home was built. Her family farmed during the “Dirty 30’s” and Marie told stories of dust storms in the summer and blizzards in the winter. Times were hard, her father even asked to borrow \$5 from her at one point.

She received her 8<sup>th</sup> grade education at Roy School and then waited for her younger sister to graduate from 8<sup>th</sup> grade so they could attend Gettysburg High School together. They spent their weekdays in Gettysburg at a boarding house where they did house cleaning and babysitting to pay for the room and board. She graduated from high school in 1938 and four months later married John F. Umiker on September 8, 1938, at her parent’s home south of Lebanon.

John and Marie made their home at Whitlock’s Crossing, a country store/filling station/post office, located near Forest City by the Missouri River. They spent five years at Whitlock Crossing, at first living in the back of the store and then eventually living in a home there. John purchased their first “used” car for \$150 right before they were married. While living at Whitlock Crossing, they became parents of Eldon and Renea.

In March of 1943 the family of four moved to a farm south of Lebanon, which they had previously purchased in 1941. Here their family grew, and they added Bernadine, Verna, Marcia Ann (stillborn) and John Douglas. They lived on the farm for 25 years, at which time they moved to Gettysburg and turned the farmhouse over to their oldest son Eldon. During their stay in Gettysburg Marie got a job working at the Oahe Manor as the head cook for 13 years. Her husband, John, passed away Feb 24, 1995. At the age of 97 Marie became a resident of Avera Oahe Manor – one day she drove herself to the senior center for lunch and to play cards, and the next day she moved into the manor. She was a bright spot to many of the employees at the manor and Marie enjoyed many conversations with the “nice” people that took care of her.

Marie joined Christ Lutheran Church in Lebanon on October 17, 1943. She later belonged to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, was active in LWML, ladies Bible study, quilting club, and served on the Nutrition Board of the Medicine Rock Senior Center. Marie loved playing cards, having family gatherings, discussing politics, making homemade noodles for holiday gatherings, and watching Fox News.

Marie is survived by her children: Eldon of Hot Springs, Renea (Ken) Kirby of Lebanon, Bernadine (Mal) Hinckley and Verna (Harlan) Fransen both of Pierre, and John D. Umiker of Lebanon; 17 grandchildren: Barb, Brenda, Bryan, Tina, Lisa, Jonathan, Kevin, Lee, Kelly, Kari, Bob, Tonya, Jeff, Terry, Angela, John Curtis, Brad, and Nickie; numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews including a special niece, Aleta Goebel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents, Pete and Rena; brothers: Dick, Jake, Melvin, and Joe; sisters: Ada and Gertrude; infant daughter, Marcia Ann; and daughter-in-law, Marilyn Umiker.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Marie Umiker**



**Trust Him when darkest thoughts assail thee.  
Trust Him when the faith is small.  
Trust Him when to simply trust  
Him is the hardest thing of all.**