



## Mother

You are a strong lady, with kind eyes – you have prayed and given love to many people –

Much of my strength comes from the knowledge and respect you have poured into my life –

You have built a bridge of faith between your life and mine –

You have taught me to face a real world remembering to be strong and yet gentle –

Your service to life is a great example and I am proud you are my mother.

In Loving Memory Of

# Mildred L. “Bee” Tanner

December 1, 1919  
Potter County, South Dakota



February 2, 2022  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **PRAYER SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

### **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Jeff Adel

### **CASKET BEARERS:**

Alex Tanner, Tim Larrington, Tom Larrington,  
Bob Wager, Brian Quiett, Jordan Fliehs,  
Bob Morgan, Dale Kohmetscher

### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

Ray Goebel & Sons, Atkins & Thorntson Families,  
Koehler & Doud Families, Avera Oahe Manor Staff,  
Past Members of the Appomattox Go-Getters 4-H Club

**PIANIST:** Nancy Smith

### **VOCALISTS:**

Aniston Morgan, Jessi and Jordan Westengaard  
“*Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*”

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

“*In the Garden*”   “*Hymn of Promise*”

### **INTERMENT:**

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

**Mildred Louise “Bee” Kammer** was born December 1, 1919, in rural Potter County, SD, to Thomas and Ethel (Atkins) Kammer. The oldest of two, Mildred and her family lived near Gettysburg, SD, before settling in northwest Potter County. Mildred and her brother, George, attended school in Gettysburg.

After knowing each other for years, Mildred married Earle “Pete” Tanner on August 20, 1937, in Gettysburg, SD. They made their home on the Tanner farmstead in Lincoln Township, Potter County. To this union, six children were born. Mildred and Earle built a legacy together as their farmstead joined the Century Farm Club in 2014. Mildred lived on the farmstead until Earle’s death in 2015.

Mildred, a lifelong resident of Potter County, dedicated her life to her family home, service, and agriculture. During her school years, Mildred helped raise money for the construction of Mt. Rushmore which was something she was very proud of. Following her marriage to Earle, she was involved in the farm and ranch operations, including the family threshing crew and poultry business. Mildred was also active in the community. She was a member of Community Club, Cattlewomen, American Legion Auxiliary, United Methodist Church, and served on the Potter County Fair Board. Mildred served as a leader of the Appomattox Go-Getters 4-H Club for over thirty years, and she was a sixty-year member of the Lincoln Appomattox Extension Club. She shared her knowledge of homemaking skills and love for agriculture with many youth throughout the Potter County area. Mildred and Earle attended and hosted many barn dances with friends, went to Community Club on the weekends, and enjoyed partaking in the SD State Fair with their family. Mildred was a talented seamstress, painter, and leatherworker. She and Earle made many special gifts for family and friends. Mildred also enjoyed reading and writing, watching Lawrence Welk and Bob Ross, cooking/baking and canning, going to town on Saturdays, spending time with family and friends, and Burg Bucks.

Mildred is survived by her six children, Donald (Tonya) Tanner of Gettysburg, SD; Shirley (Joe) Warfel of Custer, SD; Delores (the late Larry) Larrington of Wilbur, NE; Mary (Kermit) Wager of Gettysburg, SD; Jacqueline (Loren) Ritter of Aberdeen, SD; Ronnie (Lila) Tanner of Gettysburg, SD; twenty-one grandchildren; many great and great-great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mildred is preceded in death by her husband of 78 years, Earle; her parents; her brother, George Jacob Kammer; one son-in-law, one grandson, two great-grandchildren, her mother and father-in-law; and twelve sisters and brothers-in-law.

## **In Loving Memory**



**Mildred L. “Bee” Tanner**  
**1919 - 2022**