

Excerpt from
The Prophet Look

The losses in this life, however great
Are very small when viewed from heaven's gate:
A young man's groan, a woman's pain, a shrouded form,
All wrenched away beyond our reach—
In heaps we lay, how torn!

This purifying of the soul as gold is in the fire—
The dross consumes away—we rise again.
We do survive and we are whole within.
And what the process really was is hidden from our eyes;
We never can explain just why that trip to hell's own gate—
This view of fleshly pain to focus in on Heaven's gain.

Life is not merely here and now, "Goodbye" and "Come again."
We think we choose, we know, we like good brothers and dear friends;
But really, we belong to that great fellowship
Of men of failing flesh, condemned,
Yet in the Master's plan, destined to rise again!

To the last drop of life His blood was drained,
For through those very gates He went
Declaring freedom gained.
And what the journey cost we cannot know
Nor ever full perceive the love that made it so!

—Claire Todd, 1995



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

Claire M. Todd Hamburger

June 14, 1933
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

June 18, 2023
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Friday, June 30, 2023
Grace Bible Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2023
Grace Bible Church
Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Scott Crook

CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDCHILDREN"

Nathanael Todd, Mindy Erikson, Rueben Todd,
Robyn Lytwynn, Tara Frost, Monte Todd, Matthew Todd,
Stephen Todd, Joseph Todd, Philip Todd,
Ethan Todd, and Nathan Todd

USHERS: Tanner Storer and Carson Kirby

MUSICIANS: Pianist: Dorcas Storer,
Violinist: Wendy Todd, and Cellist: Nathanael Todd

SONG LEADER: Barb Hamburger

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"In the Garden" "How Great Thou Art"
"Give Them All to Jesus" "It is Well"

INTERMENT:

Gettysburg Cemetery
Gettysburg, South Dakota

Claire Margaret Hoff was born June 14, 1933, in Eau Claire, WI, the third of five girls born to Clifford and Gwendolyn L. (Bailey) Hoff. Claire grew up in Wisconsin and Minnesota and received her primary education at Franklin School in Minneapolis, MN. At age 14, Claire was saved by the Lord Jesus Christ during Christmas 1947. This changed her life resulting in a transfer of her education to Prairie Bible Institute (PBI) High School and College in Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, graduating in 1955. She spent her summer doing mission work with Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS). Upon completion of her Bachelor's of Religious Studies from PBI, Claire furthered her education at Columbia Bible College for two years, taking extensive teaching courses from Northern Normal College in Aberdeen, SD, and ethics courses from the University of Calgary and PBI.

Claire's mission work brought her to Agar, SD, where she met her future husband, Basil Todd. He served in the military from 1956-1958 and was stationed at a Nike Base on Long Island, NY. He went AWOL to marry Claire on May 3, 1957. This union was blessed with four boys: Jonathan, Ted, Nathanael, and Elliott. In 1961, they bought a farm and raised dairy cows near Agar, SD. In 1975, they moved their family to Manitoba, Canada, and purchased a horse ranch (PMU).

In 1981, they relocated to Okotoks, Alberta, and later, to Turner Valley. Claire worked as a nurse's aide as well as in the laundry department at area nursing homes; all the while continuing her education. For many years, Claire and Basil provided foster care, being blessed with helping 30+ children. In 2006, they moved to Three Hills. After the death of Basil, Claire became reacquainted with Melvin Hamburger. They were married in August 2013 and traveled back and forth from South Dakota to Alberta.

Claire had many interests during her lifetime. In her younger years, it was swimming, fishing, caring for animals, gardening, and growing house plants. Later in life Claire found joy in writing poetry, collecting books and newspaper clippings, traveling, playing games, working puzzles, doing brain teasers, meeting new people, visiting, and having coffee with desserts, food, or just plain eating! She always stayed busy serving the Lord, making sure to attend church wherever she lived and helping teach Sunday School.

Claire was a true businessperson. She had many successful years with Amway and was always looking for the next opportunity.

Those left to cherish Claire's life include her husband, Melvin; her children: Jonathan (Terrie), Ted (Wendy), and Elliott (Sheila); grandchildren: Nathanael, Mindy (Kevin), Reuben, Robyn (Rob), Tara (Jeff), Monte (Mal), Matthew (Sheila), Stephen, Joseph (Hannah), Philip (Aleah), Ethan, and Nathan; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters: Toni Brown and Sylvia Duray; half-sister, Candace; sister-in-law, Karen Todd; and numerous nieces and nephews as well as Melvin's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Clifford Hoff and Gwendolyn Fladhus; husband, Basil Todd; son, Nathanael; sisters: Verna May Bailey and Virginia Smith; and half-sisters: Lenora, Rose, and Eva.

Memorials in Claire's honor may be directed to Prairie Bible Institute, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Focus on the Family, Salvation Army, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, Trans World Radio, or Compassion Canada.

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