



*God saw her
getting tired
A cure was not to be,
So He put His arms
around her
And whispered
"Come with me."*

*With tearful hearts
We watched her slowly fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Her hands He laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Faulkton, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of

Katherine Chistine Slater

October 21, 1918
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

April 1, 2014
Kenyon, Minnesota

SERVICE:

11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 5, 2014
United Church of Faulkton
Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Bill Hoffman

ORGANIST:

Marlene Hammond

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Here I Am, Lord"
"Victory in Jesus"
"It is Well With My Soul"

INTERMENT:

Miranda Cemetery ~ Miranda, South Dakota

Katherine Slater was born October 21, 1918 and just days old when her adoptive parents, Gordy and Robert Rasmusson, drove the 90 miles from Astoria to the South Dakota Children's Home in Sioux Falls to collect their first child. Her middle name, Chistine, is for her maternal grandmother.

Katherine was baptized as an infant in the Lutheran Church and became a Methodist after she married and moved to Miranda.

Four years after the Rasmusson's adopted Katherine, the family traveled to Minneapolis, where they adopted baby Muriel. Muriel became Katherine's younger sister. After they both became widows, they would travel together-first to Norway and then to the Alps.

Katherine was in her 80's when she found her biological family, with the help of a family friend. Her birth mother was dead, but she was able to connect with her two half-sisters, who had no idea their mother had a previous child.

She married William Milton Gilbert on September 21, 1935. She met him in high school in Astoria.

Katherine worked part-time in the Miranda grocery store for several years. Then, on February 2, 1955, she was appointed Miranda's postmaster. She was on the board of the National Association of Postmasters and traveled to various state conventions to represent the organization.

She was instrumental in the creation of the Faulk County Library.

Her husband Gilbert died in 1957. Two years later, on December 15, 1959, she married Melvin Slater, a farmer from Miranda.

Katherine retired as Miranda's postmaster on June 29, 1984 which also was when the post office in Miranda closed.

Three years later, in 1987, she became widowed for the second time.

She played piano and organ for more than 50 years at the Miranda United Methodist Church until it closed on June 19, 2005.

She was very active in her community. She served as an officer of the church for many years and also was on the board of the Miranda Cemetery. She was instrumental in ensuring the cemetery has a perpetual care fund.

Every October for many years, the Slater's hosted pheasant hunters.

As she grew older, she spent the winters with her daughter in San Diego, CA or with her son in West Concord, MN. Four years ago, she began living full time with Al and Rita Gilbert. In February, she moved to a nursing home in Kenyon, MN to receive additional care.

She is survived by her son, Allison (Rita) Gilbert of West Concord, MN; grandsons: George Mitchell Hinman and William Gilbert; granddaughters: Kari Hinman Wallick and Annette Gilbert Drieslein; twelve great grandchildren; and several great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her daughter, Chandra Hinman who died in 2012 and her son, Charles who died in 1997.



In Memory