

Pearl Gerlach, 79, of Miller, passed away Friday, August 19, 2011 at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Pearl was born February 2, 1932 to Frank and Helen (Jungwirth) Pfeifer on a farm north of Miller and graduated from Orient High School. She married Lloyd Gerlach on November 5, 1956 in Orient and moved to Miller where she worked and raised two children, Debbie and Vicky. Over the years she worked for the grain elevator in Miranda, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dr. Wilkinson Office, and the Prairie Good Samaritan Center.

She was a member of the Altar Society and St. Ursula's Band and was active in the Catholic Church in Miller. She enjoyed working with the residents of the Prairie Good Samaritan Center, gardening, embroidering, baking, collecting angels, and spending time with her family and friends.

Pearl was cherished by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren for the time she spent playing games, cooking special treats, and telling stories of years gone by.

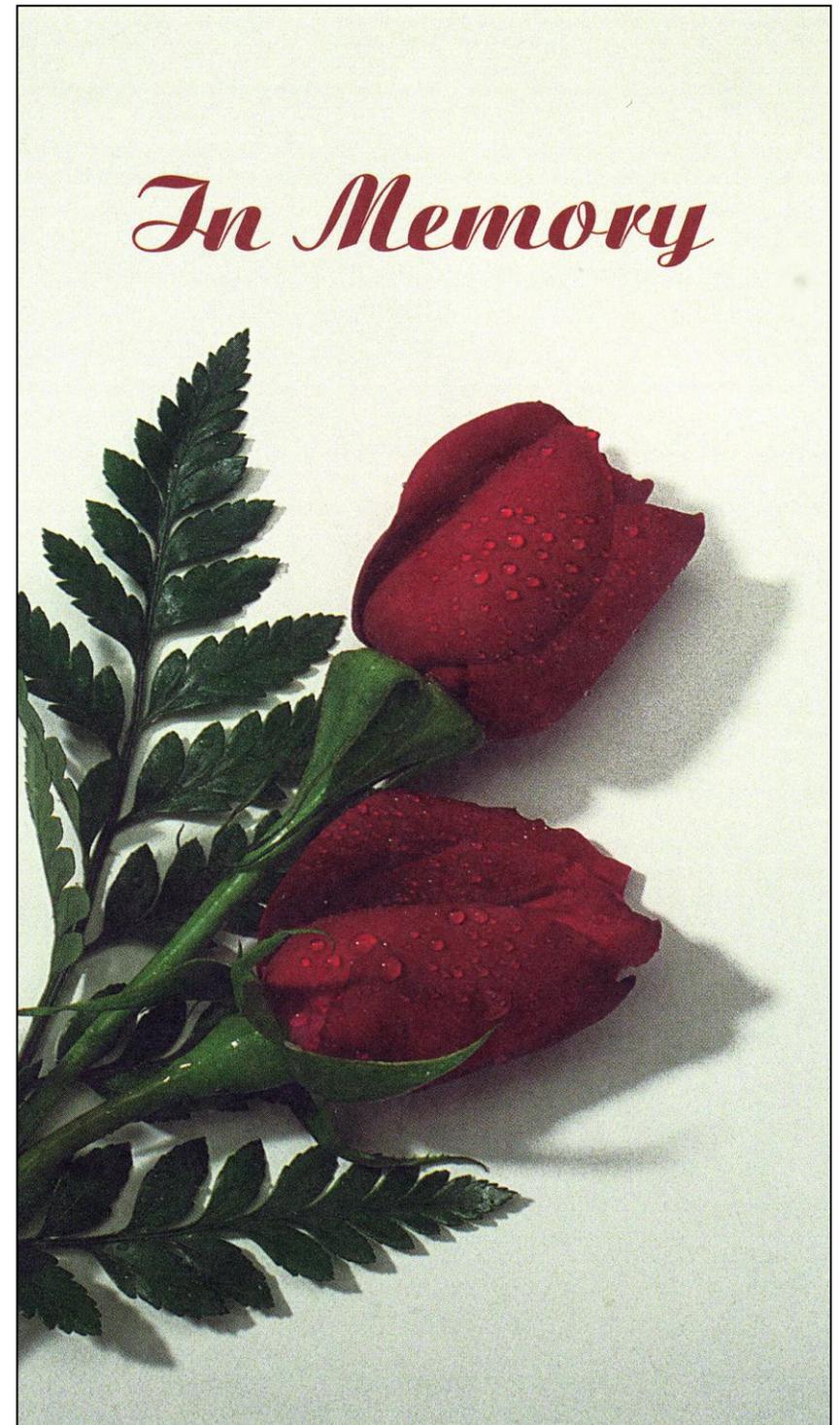
She is survived by her daughters, Debbie (Steve) Henning of Huron and Vicky (Joe) Fanning of Miller; grandchildren: Matt (fiancé Alaina) Henning of Aberdeen, Lyndsey Henning of Omaha, Nebraska, Nick (Shannon) Fanning of Tea, and Christina Fanning of Brookings; brothers: Joe Pfeifer of Orient, Ed (Shirley) Pfeifer of Miller and Kenny (Sandy) Pfeifer of Aurora, Nebraska; sisters: Esther Verbeck of Plymouth, Wisconsin, Rosie Hansen of Redfield, Dorothy Downing of Redfield, Mary Ann (Roger) Bent of Faulkton, Bobbi Rosemore of Miller, and Lucille (Les) Stauffer of Orient.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lloyd; and brother, Vince.

*Arrangements Entrusted To*



Miller, South Dakota  
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*In Loving Memory*

# *Pearl Gerlach*



February 2, 1932  
Miller, South Dakota

August 19, 2011  
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## *MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL*

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2011

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Miller, South Dakota

## *CELEBRANT*

Father Chester Murtha

## *CASKETBEARERS*

Joe Fanning  
Steve Henning

Nick Fanning  
Matt Henning

Christina Fanning  
Lyndsey Henning

## *PLACING OF PALL*

Debbie Henning – Vicky Fanning

## *LECTOR*

Nick Fanning

## *USHER*

Dennis Simons

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER*

Dave Blachford

## *GIFTBEARERS*

Matt Henning – Lyndsey Henning – Christina Fanning

## *MUSICIANS*

Connie Schroeder – St. Ann's Choir

## *MUSIC SELECTIONS*

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" – "On Eagle's Wings"

"In the Garden" – "Beyond the Sunset"

"Song of Farewell" – "Amazing Grace"

## *INTERMENT*

G.A.R. Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota

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

*With tearful eyes  
We watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We would not make her stay.*

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

