

### SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth--  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call Home;  
Oh, the rapture of the meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!



## *In Loving Memory* CELEBRATING A LIFE

### **Visitation:**

6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
Reck Funeral Home  
Miller, South Dakota

### **Funeral Service:**

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
St. Lawrence Community Church  
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

**Minister:** Pastor Jim Hofman

### **Casketbearers:**

Nathan Van Zee - Lucas Van Zee  
Mitchell Van Zee - Erin Sybesma  
Samantha Rogers - Zach Sybesma

### **Honorary Casketbearers:**

Bruce Knudtson - Shirlene Smook

### **Musicians:** Janelle Jessen

David & Lori Fremark

### **Musical Selections:**

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"How Great Thou Art", "In the Garden"

### **Interment:**

St. Lawrence Cemetery  
St. Lawrence, South Dakota

Hope & Strength



*In Loving*  
MEMORY

**Geraldine Van Zee**

August 19, 1930 - May 10, 2020



Geraldine “Jerry” Jeanette was born to Dorcie D and Nettie Marie (Carlson) Jenkins August 19, 1930 in Hand county. She attended school in Miller and was a proud member of the graduating class of 1948. Upon graduation, she moved to Pierre; while there in 1950 she met her “sister” Marlene Knudtson, who has been a constant blessing in her life.

On September 19, 1954 she married the love of her life, Kenneth Van Zee. They survived many ups and downs in their over 65 years of marriage. They started out their marriage on a farm south of St. Lawrence. From there they moved to Pierre for a few years before returning to the Van Zee farm east of St. Lawrence where they lived until they moved to Miller in 2006. To this blessed union two amazing children were born: Kenette Kay on November 18, 1959 and Dean Alan on March 30, 1964. This led to their five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Throughout her life she had various jobs. She worked at the Green Lantern restaurant, Fairmont Ice Cream store, the Department of Health and the auditor’s office in Pierre, REA, Miller Implement, Midwest Supply, Pump N Pak, and Hand in Hand Daycare.

For most of her married life, they lived and worked on the farm where they spent countless hours in the field and milking cows. They happily retired from milking in 1996.

*Lovingly Remembered*  
She was involved in a lot of clubs and organizations throughout her life. She became a member of the Community Church of St. Lawrence in 1955 where she taught VBS and Sunday School, participated in the Women’s Missionary Society, funeral committee, Bible studies and countless other groups.

Jerry moved into the Miller nursing home on March 28, 2017. On the morning of May 10th, Jerry passed away to spend Mother's Day in Heaven with her mother.

Blessed to have shared her life are her husband, Kenneth of over 65 years; two children: Kenette (Rod) Rogers of Ree Heights and Dean (Sherrie) of St. Lawrence; grandchildren: Nathan Van Zee of Miller, Lucas (Kyra) Van Zee of Ellendale, North Dakota, Mitchell Van Zee of St. Lawrence, Erin (Zach) Sybesma of Ree Heights, and Samantha Rogers of Ree Heights; one great grandchild, Brooklyn Charlotte Van Zee of Ellendale, North Dakota; sister, Marlene Knudtson of Pierre, and her children, Shirlene (Dennis) Smook of Aberdeen and Bruce Knudtson of Custer.

She is preceded in death by her father, Dorcie on February 14, 1976, and her mother, Marie on November 7, 1995.

Arrangements Entrusted to



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