

We sat beside your bedside

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.*

*In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking
We knew you could not stay.*

*You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere.
We never shall and never will
Forget you, Mother dear.*

*For many years the family chain
Was closely linked together,
But oh! That chain is broken now,
The main link gone forever.*

*The sunshine of our happy home,
Must always clouded be,
But Thou O Lord has sent this cross,
We bear it all for Thee.*

Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister: Pastor Robert Brooks

Casketbearers:

All of Wanda's Grandchildren

Honorary Casketbearers:

Presbyterian Church Choir
Avera Courtyard Villa Staff

Organist: Janice Palmer

Special Music:

Presbyterian Church Choir
"On Eagle's Wings"

Congregational Hymns:

"How Great Thou Art"
"In the Garden"
"Amazing Grace"

Burial:

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota

**Following the burial, the family warmly invites
you to join them for a lunch and continued
fellowship in the church fellowship hall.**

I N L O V I N G
Memory



Wanda Jane Stevens

January 4, 1932 - January 11, 2025



Wanda Stevens, 93, of Miller, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital in Miller.

Wanda Jane was born January 4, 1932, to John and Beulah (Wilson) VanDenBerg in Pennington County and moved back to Hand County in 1941, where she attended country school and went to high school in St. Lawrence.

On January 12, 1950, Wanda married Gene Stevens in Miller. To this union, four sons and one daughter were born: Merle, Ellen, Dean, Terry, and Neil. Gene and Wanda raised their family on various farms in southwest Hand County, eventually moving to St. Lawrence in 1991.

From a young age, Wanda was active on the farm and at an early age worked beside her dad. Later in life, she helped Gene and her children on the farm with many chores. Wanda was an excellent cook and accomplished seamstress. She was especially known for her caramel rolls, fudge and chocolate cakes. Wanda cherished her time with her children, grandchildren and families.

Music was a significant part of Wanda's life. At an early age, starting in grade school, Wanda and her sisters were widely known for singing at numerous funerals and other events throughout

most of their life. Wanda was involved in the ladies' extension groups, an active member of TOPS, served on the Miller School Board for several years and a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church. She sang in the church choir for many years and was active with other church functions. Wanda loved her church life along with her church family.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her four sons: Merle (Karon) Stevens of Wessington Springs, Dean (Judy) Stevens of Huron, Terry (Trudy) Stevens of Miller and Neil (Sandra) Stevens of Miller; grandchildren: John (Lorie) Stevens of Wessington Springs, Jeremy (Marci) Stevens of St. Lawrence, Lance Hosman of Stickney, TJ (Kathy) Stevens of Wessington, Brian (Amy) Hosman of Sioux Falls, Shane (Tracy) Stevens of Gettysburg, DeNeil (Glenn) Hosman of Pierre, Jessica (Eric) Oolman of Orange City, IA, Cody Stevens of St. Lawrence, Casie Stevens of Miller, Andrea (Matt) Jones of Miller, Travis (Kayla) Stevens of Miller and Clate (Jessica) Stevens of Miller; 34 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren, two sisters Anita Fremark and Beryle Sessions, brother-in-law, Don Carl; and one sister-in-law, Jerene Stevens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; daughter, Ellen; son-in-law, Don; daughter-in-law, Deb; parents; two adult sisters; Dephane, and Sharon; an infant sister; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.



Arrangements Entrusted To
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