

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up you hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author unknown



Opal Lorraine Keiser

May 21, 1923
August 27, 2024



Opal L. (Fickbohm) Keiser was born on the family farm in Union County, South Dakota on May 21, 1923, to George and Inez (Shuck) Fickbohm. She was the 11th child out of 12 children.

She married Raymond Keiser on May 28, 1942. They had one child, Gloria Jean. Opal worked in food service all of her life, baking delicious carmel rolls and pies. She never had the opportunity to attend High School, but she obtained her GED through mail correspondence in the 1960's. She was baptized and attended Lutheran Churches all her life. Opal passed away on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at the age of 101 years.

Opal is survived by her daughter, Gloria Jean Green of Hawarden; grandchildren and their wives, Jeff Green and Judi of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mike Green and Liz also of Sioux Falls, and Steven Green and Molly of Orange City, Iowa; 11 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond on July 10, 1978; son-in-law, Larry Green on February 17, 2020; and her siblings and their spouses.

*Celebrating The Life Of
Opal Lorraine Keiser*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 2024
Porter Funeral Home
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Joshua Lowe
Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS
Hawarden, Iowa

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“How Great Thou Art”
“Amazing Grace”*

INURNMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery
Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Opal's family for lunch and
fellowship at Rooster's Steak House
following the committal service.*