



## *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 Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated 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 death'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 you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come.

Arrangements Entrusted To  
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME



*Anna Slegers Zylstra*  
January 30, 1926 - June 24, 2024

**Anna Rena Vander Poel** was born on January 30, 1926 to Jacob Bastian and Anna (Offringa) Vander Poel in Osborne Township, Pipestone County, Minnesota. Dr. Boer drove to the farm with a handmaiden/nurse to assist with the birth. Anna attended country school through the 8th grade. During her childhood years her father, Jacob, dealt with many hardships: horses dying, hogs getting sick and dying, and even Anna's grandfather becoming ill from this as well. Her father needed help and petitioned for Anna's brother, Jilles to stay home from the war but the Draft Board said that having Anna's mother, Anna, and her sisters at home was plenty of help to keep the farm going. It was decided that Anna would leave home in order for the Board to consider allowing Jilles to stay on the farm and help. Anna moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan at 16 years old where her mother's relatives lived. She worked for Hays Bomb and Shoots which was a parachute factory. On VE Day she was laid off. She was called back after that but did not return. Many service people went home or west, she decided to go home. A short while later the opportunity arose to go with a friend to Denver, Colorado. She worked for a wealthy family for the lady of the house as she had broken her hip and needed maid service. She returned to Minnesota and met Hubert Slegers and the two were united in marriage on September 6, 1949 when he had returned from the war. The two made their home in Lake Benton, Minnesota where they raised their four children. Hubert preceded Anna in death in March 1969. In December of 1983 she was united in marriage to Donald Zylstra and the two lived near Edgerton, Minnesota until his death in November of 2019. She returned to Lake Benton, Minnesota and lived on the family farm until moving into the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Minnesota in January of 2024. She passed away there on Monday, June 24, 2024 at the age of 98 years.

Anna was a member of the Christian Reformed Churches in Holland and Pipestone, Minnesota. She loved gardening, canning, and cooking. She had a passion for sewing, rug making, clothing pattern making, drapery sewing, quilting (blankets for children), crocheting, knitting, and doing other crafts. She also loved to spend time reading. She was a woman who daily devoted her life to being a faithful Christian. When she was complimented on her children's good characters she would humbly reply, "It's from their Dad."

Anna is lovingly remembered by her children, Gerrit (Tamara) Slegers of Lake Benton, Minnesota, Karen (Danny) Moore of Clarksville, Tennessee, Hubert (Angela) Slegers of Hilmar, California, and Ardyth Little of Turlock, California; seven grandchildren, Gerrit Jr., Shaun & Nathan Slegers, Jason Moore, Janet Davenport, Jessi Daniels, and Amy Mancebo; 13 great-grandchildren, Gerrit III, Theodore and Natalie Slegers, Kensley Slegers, Carter and Cooper Slegers, Alysa Polley, Paige Moore, Jaxon and Colton Daniels, Leo, Cassidy, and Logan Mancebo; and one brother, Roger (Ruth) Vander Poel of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Hubert Slegers and Donald Zylstra; her parents, Jacob and Anna Vander Poel; siblings, Marie, Jilles "Jill", Irene, Bertha, Albertus and Theo; and two grandsons, Darrick and Jerry Moore.

I N L O V I N G  
*Memory*  
*Anna Slegers Zylstra*



**Funeral Service**

Saturday, July 6, 2024 - 10:30 AM

Christian Reformed Church - Pipestone, Minnesota

**Officiants**

Rev. Stephen Wynja    Rev. Tim Ouwinga

**Scripture Readings**

Psalms 27:1    II Timothy 4:7-8

**Organist** - Brenda Kooi    **Pianist** - Darla Bakker

**Soloist** - Danielle Brandt, "Amazing Grace"

**Soloist** - Brad Prouty, "How Great Thou Art"

**Accompanist** - Judd Prouty

**Congregational Hymns**

Blessed Assurance - Hymn 490

When We All Get To Heaven - Insert

By The Sea of Crystal - Hymn 620

**Pallbearers**

Gerrit Slegers, Jr.    Manuel Mancebo

Ross Vander Poel    Shaun Slegers

Jason Moore    Jack Vander Poel

**Honorary Pallbearer** - Roger Vander Poel

**Interment**

Holland Cemetery - Holland Minnesota



*Anna loved her children, grandchildren, and all children. She made a point to encourage us to focus on sharing Christ and His love and the saving message of faith with the children present today.*

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

*Matthew 19:14*