

## IN MEMORY

As we gather here today, to pay tribute to a loved one and friend, let us remember and hold in memory, and cherish those moments that each of us shared in some way with our departed one.

Let us join hands and hearts together in this service so that it may lend comfort and solace to the family and serve as an inspiration to all of us in the months and years ahead.

And so now I give a new commandment in you...  
love each other just as I love you.  
John 13:34

## WEEP NOT FOR ME By an Unknown Author

Weep not for me though I have gone  
Into that gentle night  
Grieve if you will, but not for long  
Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest  
There is no need for tears  
For with your love I was so blessed  
For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not  
The fear is now all gone  
Put now these things out of your thoughts  
In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath  
Remember not the strife  
Please do not dwell upon my death  
But celebrate my life



And He walks with me,  
and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.



*Gertrude J. Vander Hamm* was born on January 22, 1940, near Hull, IA to Gerrit Ver Meer and Jeanette (Mulder) Ver Meer. She was raised on a farm west of Perkins, IA where she quickly understood the value of hard work and thrifty enterprise. She attended grade school in Perkins and graduated in 1958 from Hull High School. Gert was united in marriage to John Hamstra and together they had four children.

In 1972 Gert married Eugene Vander Hamm and the family lived on a farm near Ireton, IA. Gert worked at K-Products in Orange City, IA for 25 years. For several years she and her daughter Lori worked weekends at Southern Country in Craig, IA. After Eugene's passing, Gert moved to Sioux Center and most recently she resided at Royale Meadows.

Gert enjoyed visiting with people and making new friends. Her gift of gab is legendary in many circles. She also enjoyed cooking and baking to share with family and friends. A long-time Vikings, Twins, and Iowa Hawkeye fan she celebrated their victories and anguished in their defeats. Other past times included crocheting and word search puzzles.

Gert died peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Sioux Center Health at the age of 82 years.

Loved ones left to cherish her memory and grace are her children, Lyle (Mary) Hamstra of Sioux City, IA and Lana (Jim) Miller of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; stepson, Greg (Kathy) Vander Hamm of Loveland, CO and stepdaughter, Diane Clarey of Sioux Falls, SD. She is also survived by a brother, James (Chris) Ver Meer of Boyden, IA; sister-in-law, Dorothy Ver Meer of Rock Valley, IA; brother-in-law, Paul Hoekema of Grand Rapids, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

Gert was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughters, Lisa Vander Esch and Lori Hamstra; brothers, Harold and Ken; sisters, Ruth and Marilyn; and sister-in-law, Nilda.

Coincidentally Gert's day of birth, day of passing, and her spiritual journey to heaven all occurred on January 22.

## *In Loving Memory Of Gertrude J. Vander Hamm*

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2022  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ireton, Iowa

**OFFICIATING** Rev. Michael Boothby

**ORGANIST** Jeanna Negaard

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Safe In The Arms Of Jesus"*

*"When Peace Like A River"*

*"O That Will Be Glory"*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Blessed Assurance"* Alan Jackson

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Grandchildren:

Sarah Erwin, Nick Hamstra, Emily Lindblom, Arrend Munns,  
Austin Munns, and Jason Vander Esch

Great grandchildren:

Ella Erwin, Charlotte Erwin, Luke Erwin, Jack Hamstra, Cora Hamstra,  
Paul Lindblom, and Kathleen Lindblom

### **INURNMENT**

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Ireton, Iowa

Opening Hymn – Blessed Assurance

Invocation

Remembrance of Baptism

Psalm 23

Kyrie

Collect of the Day

Hymn – Safe in the Arms of Jesus

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 3:22–33

Romans 8:31–38

John 10:7–15

Apostles' Creed

Sermon Hymn – When Peace, Like a River

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

Concluding Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn – O That Will Be Glory