



## *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 undone must stay that way.*

*I found that peace at 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've savored much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts and share with me*

*God wanted me now:*

*He set me free.*



## *In Memory*



*Clara Gerhardt*, 91, of Bismarck, died March 30, 2019 at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck.

Clara (Steckler) Gerhardt was born June 27, 1927, in St. Anthony on the family farm, the daughter of John

and Caroline (Schmidt) Steckler. She was raised and educated in the St. Anthony area. She married Theodore Gerhardt Sr. on June 18, 1947, in St. Anthony.

Clara had many interests; she always enjoyed bowling, playing cards and bingo, cooking, baking, and spending time in her garden. As an avid cook, she made sure no one left hungry. Her family was always the center of her world and her biggest joy was spending time with her grandchildren. She was a grandma to everyone who knew her.

Clara will be deeply missed by her sons and daughter, Larry Gerhardt and friend, Donna of Mandan, ND, LaVonne (Frank) Jangula of Bismarck, ND, Theodore (Cindy) Gerhardt of New Salem, ND, Steve (Marge) Gerhardt of Selfridge, ND, Calvin (Jackie) Gerhardt of Everman, TX, and Kenny (Debbie) Gerhardt of River Falls, WI; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 7 step-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Kathryn Steckler of Bismarck, ND and Hildegard Steckler of Mandan; and brother-in-law, Lip Schmidt of Mandan, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Theodore Sr.; son, Timothy Gerhardt; sisters, Maggie (Tony) Ressler and Katie (Mike) Fleck; brothers, Jack (Clem) Steckler, Pete (Veronica "Monie") Stecker, Tony Steckler, Leonard Steckler, and Paul (Cecilia) Schmidt; and sisters-in-law, Patty Schmidt and Peggy (Leo) Miller.

The family would like to thank the Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center workers for the love and wonderful care they gave Clara while she was there.

*Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge.*  
111 11th Ave NE, Mandan, ND



In Loving Memory Of  
*Clara Gerhardt*

June 27, 1927 — March 30, 2019

**Parish Rosary/Vigil**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019; 7:00 PM**

**Presider**

**Weigel Funeral Home**

**Funeral Liturgy**

**Deacon Bob Wingebach**

**Friday, April 5, 2019; 10:00 AM**

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

**Celebrant**

**Reverend Jarad Wolf**

**Musicians**

Gene Mosbrucker & Anne Storick

Prelude

*"I Can Only Imagine"*

Opening Song

*"Be Not Afraid"*

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

Lector

Stephanie Gerhardt

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

*"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."*

New Testament Reading

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector

Kenny Gerhardt Jr.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song

*"Shelter Me O God"*

Presentation of Gifts

Stephanie Gerhardt ~ Sidney Gerhardt ~ Sonya Sherva  
Sherry Becker ~ Mallory Miller ~ Dee Dee Friesz

Consecration of Eucharist

Communion Songs

Communion Meditation

*"Hail Mary Gentle Woman" & "Lord You Have Come"*

Final Commendation

*"In The Garden"*

Closing Song

*"Old Hundredth"*

**Casket Bearers**

Shilo Gerhardt ~ Sheldon Gerhardt ~ Joshua Gerhardt ~ Toby Gerhardt  
Choutae Gerhardt ~ Lance Gerhardt ~ Dallas Gerhardt ~ Troy Matthiesen

**Interment**

**Mandan Union Cemetery**

Mandan, North Dakota

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