



Gladys Jean Kannegieter was born June 21, 1932, at her parent's farm west of George, IA. The daughter of John & Tillie (Hansman) Hilbrands, she grew up on the farm and attended Wheeler No. 2 country school. Gladys married Delbert Kannegieter on May 15, 1954, and they lived on a farm east of George until they moved to the family farm west of George where she and Delbert farmed and raised livestock.

Gladys enjoyed playing piano & organ, sewing, canning, baking, vegetable gardening, growing and arranging flowers, camping and Sunday family dinners. Her faith was very important to her, she taught Sunday school classes at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for 12 years and was in the ladies Bible circle. Gladys attended Tabernacle Baptist Church in George and had been an active member of the Senior Bible study group.

In 2017 her husband Delbert passed away after 62 years of marriage, and she continued to live on the farm with her son Jim. Gladys passed away at Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids, IA, on Wednesday December 21, 2022, at the age of 90.

Gladys is survived by five children, Joel (Norma) Kannegieter of Mitchell, SD; Laurel (Eric) McClelland of Denver, CO; Barton (Kris) Kannegieter of George, IA; Jim Kannegieter of George, IA; Sheila (Dr. Ken) Walsh of Bellevue, IA. Grandchildren, Shelly (David) Leicht; Dan Kannegieter; AJ (Shelby) Kannegieter; Bill McClelland; James (Ashley) McClelland; Jared, Ethan & Regan Kannegieter; Tara Bragg (Fiancé, Patrick McVeigh), and Ashtyn Bragg. Great-Grandchildren, Sean, Tyler, Jaxson & Kolbe Leicht; Mike, Logan, Kaiti Kannegieter, Lyndy Kannegieter; Evelyn & Lily McClelland; Harrison McVeigh. Great-Great-Grandchildren, Cedar Olson & Elias Santos. Sister-in-law, Wanda Koger of George, IA. Numerous Nieces and Nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John & Tillie Hilbrands; infant brother; husband, Delbert; infant son, Russell; and Great-Grandchildren, Elizabeth, Caleb, and Liam Kannegieter.

In Loving Memory
Gladys Jean Kannegieter
June 21, 1932 ~ December 21, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Friday, January 6, 2023
Tabernacle Baptist Church
George, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Bryan Anderson

MUSICIANS

Craig Johnson
Mary Jo Huls

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Where the Roses Never Fade"
"It Is Well"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" #111
"He Giveth More Grace" #472

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Shelly Leicht ~ Sean Leicht ~ Tyler Leicht
Jaxson Leicht ~ Kolbe Leicht ~ Dan Kannegieter
Lyndy Kannegieter ~ Kaiti Kannegieter ~ Evelyn McClelland
Regan Kannegieter ~ Tara Bragg ~ Ashtyn Bragg
Lily McClelland ~ Cedar Olson ~ Elias Santos

CASKET BEARERS

Michael Kannegieter ~ A.J. Kannegieter
Bill McClelland ~ James McClelland ~ Jared Kannegieter
Ethan Kannegieter ~ Ross Kooiker ~ Logan Kannegieter

INTERMENT

Evergreen Lawn Cemetery
George, Iowa

Gladys' family would like to invite everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service.

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.

One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

