



The Day God Called You Home

God looked around his
Garden and found
an empty place.
He then looked
down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around
you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.

He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.

Part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



In Loving Memory of

DARLENE GUSTMAN

FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

Thursday, May 28, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Ken Adams

Music

Craig Olson, *soloist*

"Abide With Me"

"He Leadeth Me"

Alex Swanson, *organist*

Pallbearers

Tyler Gustman Brandon Haugrud Kirsten Berger

Jacob Berger Mindy Dietz

Andrew Gustman Kristoff Dietz

Interment

United Cemetery

Hankinson, North Dakota

Gloria Darlene (Baumgartner) Gustman, age 82, a resident of West Fargo, ND, formerly of Hankinson, ND passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Edgewood Vista Memory Care in Fargo, ND.

Darlene was born on September 2, 1937 on the family farm in Manston Township, rural Rothsay, MN. She was the youngest child of John & Florence (Hawley) Baumgartner. She was baptized and confirmed at Hamar Lutheran Church, Rothsay. She attended country school and graduated from Rothsay High school in 1955. She then moved to Fargo and attended Interstate Business College and worked as a secretary in Fargo for a few years.

On October 8, 1960, Darlene was united in marriage to Frank Albert Gustman, at Hamar Lutheran Church, Rothsay. They made their home on a farm in Waldo Township, rural Hankinson where they raised their daughter and son. Frank passed away on August 8, 1978. Darlene moved off the farm into Hankinson in 1982, then moved to West Fargo in 2006 to be closer to family, and most recently into Edgewood Vista Memory Care in July 2019.

While living on the farm in Hankinson, she worked beside Frankie in the field often driving tractors and helped with raising their livestock. She was a member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday school and was also a member of the Ladies Guild. Going to church each Sunday was important to her, but she also liked watching it on TV especially during her later years. She gave her family a strong faith and a loving home. She was a member of the Homemakers Club and took ceramic classes making beautiful pieces for her family, especially Christmas ornaments and holiday decorations. Darlene spent a lot of time baking (delicious cherry pies and everyone's favorite chocolate chip cookies), gardening, and canning pickles. She also enjoyed traveling with her sister, LaVonne.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and created many memories to cherish. Darlene was known for being compassionate, loving and always willing to lend a helpful hand.

Her family will miss her greatly and her memory will be in their hearts forever.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Shawn (Brad) Haugrud of Pelican Rapids, MN and her son, Kevin (Dawn) Gustman of Fargo; 5 grandchildren: Mindy (Kristoff) Dietz, Brandon Haugrud, Kirsten (Jacob) Berger, Tyler Gustman and Andrew Gustman; 4 great-grandchildren: Euchie Dietz, Sage Dietz, Jaxon Berger, and Ava Berger; her sister, Marilyn Ostlund; 2 brothers: Donald Baumgartner and Merlin Baumgartner; sister-in-law Alice (Don) Baker along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a sister: LaVonne.

