

1 Peter 1:1-9

From Peter, an apostle of Jesus the Anointed One, to the chosen ones who have been scattered like “seed” into the nations living as refugees in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, and throughout the Roman provinces of Asia and Bithynia. You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. The Holy Spirit has set you apart to be God’s holy ones, obedient followers of Jesus Christ who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood. May God’s delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over! Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his fountain of mercy has given us a new life—we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you! Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you’ve had to put up with the grief of many trials. But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed. You love him passionately although you have not seen him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory. For you are reaping the harvest of your faith—the full salvation promised you—your souls’ victory!

In Loving Memory



Eileen Strickler

February 29, 1928 — September 14, 2025

Eileen Strickler passed away peacefully on September 14, 2025, surrounded by love, at the age of 97 years, 6 months and 15 days.

Eileen, born February 29, 1928, in Parker, South Dakota, lived a life as rare and special as her leap-year birthday. She grew up in Iroquois and graduated from Iroquois High School in 1946. After attending South Dakota State University, she studied in California at Long Beach City College, before returning to Iroquois and working at Public Service.

In 1952, Eileen married Ken Strickler, beginning a new life as a proud farm wife near Manchester. Together, Ken and Eileen raised four children and gave them a magical childhood. Eileen instilled in them a strong work ethic – sometimes under protest – that lovingly earned her the title of “The General” amongst her children. Work was made fun and her children thank her for the core values she imparted upon them.

Her successful parenting earned her a promotion to grandmother and great-grandmother many times over, spoiling the children in her life with love, ice cream, lullabies, and rich stories of life experiences.

Eileen was a talented seamstress who gifted quilts, clothing, and more that her loved ones will forever treasure. She was also a passionate Master Gardener, known for her love of irises and the ability to make anything grow and flourish. She enjoyed reading and learning about local history, her family’s genealogy, and her faith. Eileen was a dedicated member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Even in her passing, Eileen’s legacy lives on at “The Farm” where her family gathers. Eileen is survived by three children, Paula (Rod) DeJong of Watertown, SD, Kevin (Susan) Strickler of Sioux Falls, SD and Lisa (Kevin) Butler of Green Bay, WI and Kim Strickler (wife of son Mark Strickler); as well as ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Eileen was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ken Strickler; her son, Mark Strickler; her great-grandson, Cash Strickler; and many friends and family members, collected and cherished over her bountiful 97 years of life. She will be deeply missed.

Funeral Service

Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:30 AM

Kuhler Funeral Home

Huron, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Randel Maass

Music

Adam Strickler— Soloist

Amazing Grace

- Special Selection -

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

by Alan Jackson

Casket Bearers

Kent DeJong

Colin DeJong

Jesse Strickler

Mitchell Strickler

Adam Strickler

Jacob Strickler

Interment

Manchester Cemetery

Manchester, South Dakota