Funeral Service

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1:00 PM First Presbyterian Church Huron, South Dakota

> **Officiant Brad Magness**

> > Eulogist

Roxanne Merchant

Music

Eric Bliss — Organist - Congregational Hymns -Great Is Thy Faithfulness The Savior Is Waiting Every Morning Is Easter Morning

- Special Selection -If You Could Read My Mind by Gordon Lightfoot

Casket Bearers

Rayn Light **Chris Gaudet** Zane Winson **Tony Whitley** Luke Cordell Josh Merchant

Interment

Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery Huron, South Dakota

Just close your eyes and you will see All the memories you have of me Just sit and relax and you will find I'm really still there inside your mind Don't cry for me now I'm gone For I am in the land of song There is no pain, there is no fear So dry away that silent tear Don't think of me in the dark and cold For here I am, no longer old I'm in that place that's filled with love Known to you all, as "UP ABOVE"

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In Loving Memory



Marlene M. Gamber

January 13, 1936

August 15, 2025

On January 13, 1936, Marlene Dilley was born at her aunt's house in Redfield, South Dakota, to Clark and Ora Dilley. She was the daughter of hard-working farm people. She graduated from Bonilla High School.



On a blind date, she met Charles Gamber, whom she fell in love with and married on March 23, 1957. Together, they had three children, Bruce, Roxanne and Mark. Marlene worked from her home while raising their children.

Marlene's first job working outside the home was in the coffee shop in the federal building. She and Charles spent many weekends camping with family and the Huron Rovers Camping Club. Camping is something she continued doing with the club with the purchase of her own mini motorhome.



After the death of her husband in 1993, she spent years volunteering her time. Marlene was a Lioness and worked at many Pancake Days, packed backpacks for the local backpack program, was part of the Presbyterian Women, volunteered to help with the Logos program at First Presbyterian Church, and sang in the church choir for decades. She was a part of the line dancing group that performed at the nursing home. There are many more places she donated her time at. COVID put an end to many of those groups, but she persevered and continued to find places to donate her time.

She was a person who loved her friends, her church, and her family.

The family members who were blessed to have shared her life are her children, Mark

(Karen Winson) Gamber of Huron and Roxanne Merchant of Sioux Falls; her grandchildren, Joshua Merchant of Sioux Falls and Amanda Gaudet of Sioux Falls; her great-grandchildren, Loreta Hernandez and Rayn Light, both of Sioux Falls.

Then there are those who were in the First Presbyterian Church family, extended family and the many groups where Marlene spent her time.

Those who left Marlene's life way too soon include her son, Bruce; her husband, Charles; her brother, Darel; and an infant sister, Delores.

There are so many people who benefited from her time on this Earth, and she will be missed.

