

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid you see,
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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for 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 peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Loving Memory



Josephine Hofer

August 5, 1929 — February 13, 2025

Josephine Gross Hofer was born August 5, 1929, to Paul W. and Anna (Tschetter) Gross at Highmore, South Dakota. Her family moved to Beadle County in 1939. She attended Mortimer County School at Hitchcock, South Dakota.

On April 9, 1952, Josephine married John J. Hofer at Ivanhoe, Minnesota. John left for the United States Army 5 days later on April 14, 1952. They were stationed in San Antonio, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico until he was honorably discharged in April 1954.

Josephine was a stay-at-home mom, raising her eight children. Because of her large family, Josephine spent a lot of time cooking and baking for her family.

Josephine worked at the Council Oak Store, Pamida, the South Dakota State Fair, and the Huron School District Lunch Program while her health permitted.

Josephine was a member of the Hutterthal Mennonite Church (now Prairie Bible Church) in rural Carpenter, and was baptized in that church in 1946. Josephine also attended Bethesda Mennonite Church in Huron. She was a willing worker and served on the food committee at both churches.

Josephine enjoyed putting puzzles together and visiting with family and friends. She also enjoyed spending time with and attending the many different events and sporting activities of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; her beloved daughter, Janine; one son, Darrell; one great-grandson, Dante Mercado; her brother, LeRoy Gross; and her sister, Ruby Walter.

Grateful for having been part of Josephine's life are her children, Darwin (Becky) Hofer of Elko New Market, MN, Brenda (Doug) Smith of Sioux Falls, SD, Loren (Paula) Hofer of Hitchcock, SD, Joletta (Craig) Heller of Wolsey, SD, Carey Hofer of Rapid City, SD and Gena (Dr. Gary) Timmerman of Sioux Falls, SD; her daughter-in-law, Kathy Hofer of Huron, SD; fourteen grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service
Saturday, April 12, 2025
1:00 PM
Kuhler Funeral Home
Huron, South Dakota

Officiant
Ken Hofer

Pianist
Sandy Glanzer

Music
How Great Thou Art
What A Day That Will Be

Honorary Casket Bearers

Cami Mercado	Tasha Schiebel
Jon Heller	Nick Hofer
Mitch Hofer	Brett Hofer
Chris Timmerman	Kyle Hofer
Ashly Flynn	Ivan Hofer
Jake Hofer	KC Hofer
Adam Timmerman	Eli Hofer
Alex Engel	Andrew Engel

Interment
Prairie Bible Church Cemetery
Carpenter, South Dakota