



# Hope Strength

## **GOD SAW SHE WAS GETTING TIRED**

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with me"  
In tears we watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.  
"A heart of gold stopped beating."  
Hard working hands now rest."  
God shares the pain  
Of our broken hearts,  
Our lives she richly blessed.*

## *In Loving Memory* **CELEBRATING A LIFE**

***Born to John and Louise Didio***  
August 29, 1924 ~ Ross, North Dakota

***Returned to Her Heavenly Father***  
May 4, 2019 ~ Minot, North Dakota

***Funeral Service***  
11:00 am Thursday, May 9, 2019  
American Lutheran Church ~ Stanley, North Dakota

***Officiating***  
Pastor Sarah Sorenson

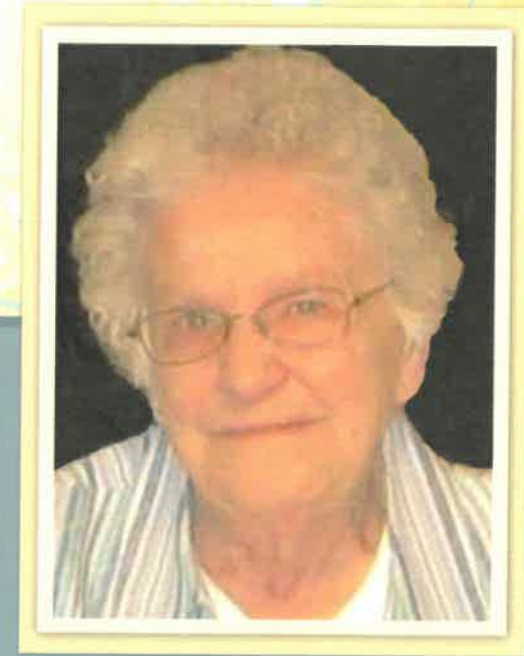
***Music***  
Karen Lindberg & Cheryl Weisenberger  
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"  
"How Great Thou Art" & "Amazing Grace"

***Pallbearers***  
Fern's Grandsons & Grandsons-In-Law  
Nicholas Meiers ~ Glen Nelson ~ Joshua Nelson  
Clint Letch ~ Jim Michael ~ Joe Everett

***Honorary Pallbearers***  
Gary Larson ~ Doug Hovda ~ Scott Meiers  
Mark Uran ~ Arlan Ostdahl ~ Scott Nelson  
Shannon Martin

***Final Resting Place***  
Fairview Cemetery ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Stanley, ND



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Fern Marie Nelson**  
August 29, 1924 - May 4, 2019

*Mothers*  
hold their  
*Children's Hands*  
for a short while, but their  
*Hearts Forever*

# Memories



*Ask,* and it shall be given you;  
SEEK and ye shall find.

*Knock*  
and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth;

And he that seeketh findeth;

And to him that knocketh it shall be

*opened*

- Matthew 7:7-8

## MY GRANDMOTHER

by her oldest granddaughter: Michelle (Meiers) Letch (2019)

**My Grandma, brimming with humility and grace;**

**Fluttering about with wings of lace.**

**Carefully choosing words as to not offend;**

**Always willing to go the distance for a friend.**

**Wisdom and experience, camouflaged by love;**

**Leaving a trail of kindness, never to push or shove.**

**Objective and funny, if you haven't met her,  
you missed out honey.**

**Floating through life on simple ground,**

**Making everyone she meets feel acceptance abound.**

**Faith in God never failing, relentless  
volunteering and card playing.**

**Selfless and strong for anyone in need;**

**A beautiful soul, a gift indeed.**

**My Grandma, my rock,**

**An example of what's good.**

**So fortunate and blessed,**

**A true pillar of my child hood.**

**Adored and admired by so many,**

**She would welcome you in whether wealth or a penny.**

**Of all the many friends and family on earth,**

**She masterfully revealed everyone's worth.**

**A giggle, a wink, and a touch of flirt;**

**Curious, kind, and always alert.**

**She joked about this day for the past few years;**

**Planting laughter to soften our tears.**

**While I wait to see you again my heart overflows,**

**I wish I had one more cup of coffee to share,  
as everyone knows.**

**Please Lord, treat my Grandma with tender loving care;**

**Help us take comfort that we'll someday meet her up there.**

Fern Marie Nelson, was born August 29, 1924 to John and Louise Didio. She was the youngest of 8 siblings that were raised on a farm west of Ross, ND. Fern attended rural grade school near Ross, ND & freshman year in the former town of Sanish, ND. She eventually graduated from Stanley High School, where she met Glen Nelson, while working at the Rexall Drug Store in Stanley.

Fern and Glen married in 1944 and lived for a short time on a cattle ranch NW of Palermo, ND. Later they farmed land SE of Palermo and finally settled on a farm three miles east of Stanley, ND. They raised three children, Dian, Vivian & David.

Besides helping out with farm work, Fern was employed at Anderson Department Store, Hanson's Hardware Store, Jensen's Grocery Store, Ranum's Laundromat, Edna's Dress Shop (part time) and the Mountrail Bethel Home. When retired, she was proud of the nine-starred pin she earned as a MBH Volunteer & the many years of volunteering at the Stanley Food Bank.

Fern was a kind and loving woman who cared deeply for family and cherished friendships. She was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Palermo and American Lutheran Church in Stanley consecutively. Unwavering faith was evident as Fern provided grace & wisdom underlined with unconditional love for all who knew her.

Over the years, Fern participated in homemakers clubs, craft clubs & volunteering which developed deep & loyal friendships with neighbors and friends. Fern & late husband, Glen were both well known for their card playing skills, which Fern continued to enjoy with various card playing groups throughout her life. Fern often hosted local friends with musical talents to gather for regular sing-a-longs, but drop-in company was the rule of thumb, & the coffee pot was always on.

Fern is survived by daughters, Dian Pecora of CA, Gina (Jim) Michael of CA, Lia (Shannon) Martin of CA, Alicia Pecora of CA, Carla Pecora of CA, Vivian (David) Meiers of ND, Michelle (Clint) Letch of MN, Nicholas (Christy) Meiers of IL; and son, David (Theresa) Nelson of ND, Catherine (Joe) Everette of ND, Glen Nelson of ND, Joshua Nelson of ND; great-grandchildren, Emma & Madalyn Pecora-Smith, Brad, Tristin & Lilli Martin, Jim & Justin Michael, Gemma Pecora-Maxwell, Cole & Alexis Letch, Beatrix & Flynn Meiers and Joseph Everett III.

Fern was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Nelson in 1984.