

A Psalm for the Dying

Relatives and friends,
I am about to leave: my last breath does not say “goodbye,”
for my love for you is truly timeless,
beyond the touch of boney death.
I leave myself not to the undertaker,
for decoration in this house of the dead, but to your memory, with love.
I leave my thoughts, my laughter, my dreams to you
whom I have treasured beyond gold and precious gems.
I give you what no thief can steal,
the memories of our times together:
the tender, love-filled moments, the successes we have shared,
the hard times that brought us closer together
and the roads we have walked side by side.

I also leave you a solemn promise that after I am home in the bosom of God,
I will still be present, whenever and wherever you call on me.
My energy will be drawn to you by the magnet of our love.
Whenever you are in need, call me;
I will come to you, with my arms full of wisdom and light
to open up your blocked paths,
to untangle your knots
and to be your avenue to God.

And all I take with me as I leave is your love and the millions of memories of
all that we have shared so I truly enter my new life as a millionaire. Fear not
nor grieve at my departure, you whom I have loved so much, for my roots and
yours are forever intertwined.

- by Edward Hayes, Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim

Bernadene Gortler

Date and Place of Birth	Date and Place of Passing
February 26, 1924 Berwick, North Dakota	May 20, 2010 Minneapolis, Minnesota

HER GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Two O’Clock, PM

OFFICIANT

Rev. L. Jay Reinke

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Bernadene's Loving Family

MILITARY RITES

Veterans Honor Guard
Williston, North Dakota

INTERMENT

Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Everson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota

Bernadene Clare Oppen Gortler was born Feb. 26, 1924 to Clarence and Lela (Briggs) Oppen at Berwick, ND.

In 1933 she and her parents moved to Williston, where she attended school. Following graduation from Williston High School in 1941, she attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

During World War II she enlisted as a Spar in the US Coast Guard. On Feb. 11, 1945 she married William L. Gortler. She and her husband had resided in Williston since 1947. Mr. Gortler preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1990.

Mrs. Gortler was a member of First Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and a former member of the Thursday Musical Club and Entertainment, Inc.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Hopkins (Susan) and Siri Gortler, both of Minneapolis, MN and two sons, William Gortler and David Gortler of Williston; four granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

In Memory of BERNADENE GORTLER



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