

## Gladys Faith (Hansell) Peterson



Gladys Faith (Hansell) Peterson was born May 10, 1919, to George Washington Hansell and Susan Lorena (Selby) Hansell in Faith, SD. Gladys, 99, passed away May 24, 2018, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell, MT.

Through her youth, she herded sheep, worked as a housekeeper, candled eggs on a chicken farm, as a laundress at Ft. Meade, and housekeeping. Gladys finally ended up working at the home of Tello and Lisa Peterson, where she met Harvey Peterson.

Gladys and Harvey married July 19, 1937. They farmed at Opal, in Meade County, living in the sod house on the Harvey Talley ranch.

In 1939, they moved to Sturgis for a short time, then to Faith, then returning to Opal. There they farmed and ran the Moree store. Gladys said she always wished for a house with a lot of bedrooms, so in 1961 they moved to Faith and purchased the West Hotel. (Be careful what you wish for!) They ran the hotel for 20 years and farmed north of Faith.

They had four children, Lois Luverne Peterson, Mark LeRoy Peterson, Sr., Marilyn Joyce Peterson Aasheim, and Carl Harvey Peterson, Sr. The couple loved to dance. As babysitting was not the norm, the children were always taken to the dances. There they learned to dance and socialize. When it became late the children were put on the benches, and slept covered with coats. The adults continued to dance and visit with their friends. Gladys' profile said she could 'Kick as high as the Rockettes.'

Gladys enjoyed traveling with Harvey and her family. She had visited much of the United States. She was fortunate to be able to attend two world fairs; Dollywood; Branson, MO; plus many more sites. The best travels were close to home to Mount Rushmore, Dinosaur Park and Wall Drug, which occurred almost every time the family was together.

After retiring, she volunteered at the Senior Center. She was instrumental in opening the Faith Legion Community Hall. There she served as Treasurer for 24 years, helped with the distribution of commodities, rummage sales, hunter's dinners, and other community events.

In 2013, Gladys moved to Kalispell, MT to live with her daughter, Marilyn. In July 2017 Gladys moved in to Prestige Assisted Living.

Gladys is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Aasheim, Kalispell, MT; son, Carl Sr., (Judy) Peterson of Rapid City; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Peterson, Jonesborough, TN; grandchildren, Lois (Terry) Heckman, Loveland, CO, Lester Jr. (Valarie Jaxson,) Kalispell, Joyce (Darrel) Bosket, Kalispell, Mark Jr. (Linda) Peterson, Harriman, TN, Shanna Jones, Dunkirk, IN, Carl Peterson Jr., Opal, SD, and Michelle McGraw (Tom Kjenstad), Newell, SD; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Gladys in death were her parents, George and Susan Hansell; husband, Harvey; daughter, Lois; son, Mark, Sr. (Nina); son-in-law, Lester Aasheim; sisters, Laverne (Ercile) Gaumer, and Betty (Farnham) and Clifford Hardacre; brothers, Robert (Bernie) Faler, George (Eve) Faler, Franklin (Mary) Walker, Zachary Peterson, and Sharilyn Peterson; and friend, "Columbus" Joseph Overland.

Memorials can be made to Faith Legion Community Hall, Lions Club, or an organization of your choice in Gladys Peterson's name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Gladys Faith Peterson***

***1919 ~ 2018***

**A Wife, a Mother, A Grandma too**

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.

You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.

You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just a wife, not just a mother.

For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

## When God Created Mothers...

When the good Lord was creating mothers He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 180 movable parts...all replaceable, run on black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair and six pair of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pair of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pair of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the Angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the one here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and says, 'I understand and I love you' without as much as muttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak," She pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

Erma Bombeck

## *In Loving Memory Of*

# *Gladys Faith Peterson*

### *Born*

May 10, 1919  
Faith, South Dakota

### *Died*

May 24, 2018  
Kalispell, Montana

### *Funeral Service*

Friday, June 1, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.  
Faith Legion Community Hall  
Faith, South Dakota

### *Officiant*

Pastor Calvin Chapman

### *Musician*

Danny Chapman

### *Musical Selections*

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"I Saw The Light"

"Put Your Hand In The Hand"

### *Pallbearers*

Carl Peterson, Jr. ~ Lester Aasheim, Jr. ~ Terry Heckman  
Darrel Bosket ~ Wyatt McGraw ~ Mark Peterson, Jr.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Peter Bosket ~ Traver Heckman

### *Interment*

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota