



### **I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
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 or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish 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 share with me  
God wanted me now:  
He set me free.

Mark Thomas



### **Mae Peterson**

January 1, 1944, Kenmare, ND  
January 9, 2008, Bowbells, ND

### **Memorial Service**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 1 p.m.  
United Methodist Church, Bowbells

### **Officiant**

Pastor David Birkeland

### **Music**

Congregational hymns

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"  
"In The Garden"

Special CD Selections

"Back In Baby's Arms" by Patsy Cline

"Lord I Hope This Day Is Good" by Don Williams

Mary Lynne Jensen, accompanist

### **Honorary Bearers**

Mae's Family and Friends

Mae was born on January 1, 1944, in Kenmare, ND, the daughter of William and Annie (Larson) Emmel. She was reared in Kenmare and attended country school in Renville County, Stafford Township, ND. Mae married John Peterson in 1976, in Bowbells, ND. Mae and John lived in various towns in North Dakota where Mae worked at the Erickson Café in Mohall as a cleaning lady; for Judy Kupser at the motel and JD's lounge in Bowbells. She also helped John run Peterson's Sanitation for a number of years. John passed away in 2006 and Mae continued to live in Bowbells with her brother, Richard. Mae loved her many cats and especially enjoyed reading, writing letters and doing crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed collecting stuffed animals and babysitting for Pat Eckert and Joe (Lee) Steffen.

### **Those Who Shared In Her Life**

Sister, Luella Smith, Flaxton, ND; brothers, Richard Emmel, Bowbells, Clifford (Judy) Emmel, Kenmare and Ed Emmel, Sidney, MT; several nieces and nephews and special friend, Jackie Johnson, who referred to her as Auntie Mae, Bowbells. She was preceded in death her parents, husband John Peterson, infant daughter, two brothers, Norman and Carl Emmel and sister, Marie Dodge.

Immediately following the service everyone is invited to join the family for fellowship and refreshments in the back of the church.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Kenmare