

## Helen Margaret Gould

Helen Margaret Gould, 91, died on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at Grace United Methodist Church in Piedmont with Pastor Karl Kroger officiating. Burial will follow at Elk Vale Cemetery in Piedmont.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 from noon to 8:00pm, with the family present from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Kinkade Funeral Chapel.

Helen was born in Macksburg, Iowa, on April 3, 1922, to Edward and Faith (Perryman) Pinckney. On September 7, 1937 she married Avery Gould. They lived in Iowa until 1948, when they moved to the Piedmont area.

Helen was a strong and generous woman that enjoyed many things, but her greatest joy was her family. Helen had a great love for the Lord and would take every opportunity to enjoy His works and to teach this love to all of her children. She truly adored music and would play for church often, but she was happiest when her family would gather around her and sing while she played the piano. She also enjoyed taking her children to go on picnics, to the lake to dip their feet in the water, and going treasure hunting. She enjoyed sewing, reading, and playing Scrabble and rummy. She was a very talented gardener, a wonderful teacher, and could whip up a meal on short notice for a small army. Her family will remember her as a very knowledgeable woman that taught them everything they needed to know in life, and could be counted on to keep them on task, but would make it fun every time. Helen was the backbone of her family and will be greatly missed.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church for most of her lifetime.

Helen is survived by her sons, Leland Gould of Rapid City, Edwin (Theresa) Gould of Eaton, CO, Avery J. Gould of Madalia, CA, Donald (Sue) Gould of Spearfish, and Gary (Maureen) Gould of Hot Springs; daughters, Sharon (Dale) Bennett of Zeeland, MI, Linda (Richard) Archuleta of Winlock, WA, Mary Knutson of Bonners Ferry, ID, Gina Gould of Bremerton, WA, and Vicki Gould of Hillsboro, OR; brothers, Robert and William Pinckney; sisters, Mable McMains, Ruth Blauer, and Edna Christensen; 41 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Avery, her parents, and sons, Virgil and David, two granddaughters, and a great-grandson.

A memorial has been established to Grace United Methodist Church in Piedmont.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments  
at the church following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Helen Gould*

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## **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

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## ***Born***

April 3, 1922  
Macksburg, Iowa

## ***Died***

September 25, 2013  
Rapid City, South Dakota

## ***Funeral Service***

Saturday, September 28, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church  
Piedmont, South Dakota

## ***Officiating***

Pastor Karl Kroger

## ***Accompanist***

Mary Wilson

## ***Soloists***

Sharon Bennett ~ Linda Archuleta ~ Mary Knutson  
Gina Gould ~ Vicki Gould

## ***Musical Selections***

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"In The Garden"

"You Are My Sunshine"

"Come To Jesus"

## ***Pallbearers***

Michael Bennett ~ Abraham Manley ~ Thomas Gould  
Vincent Archuleta ~ Conrad Archuleta ~ Dustin Archuleta

## ***Honorary Pallbearers***

The Gould Boys

## ***Interment***

Piedmont Cemetery  
Piedmont, South Dakota