



*Gladys Oelkers Tietz was born on March 4, 1922 to Russell and Maren (Olsen) Oelkers. She was raised on the family farm east of Culbertson, MT, along with her twelve brothers and sisters. Gladys was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culbertson.*

*After graduating from Culbertson High School, Gladys and her sister, Ruth, went to California to work at a factory for the war effort. Upon her return from California, Gladys worked as a telephone operator. While attending a dance at the Culbertson Armory she met Dan Tietz, the man of her dreams. They were*

*married December 18, 1948, and went on to have a wonderful marriage spanning 63 years. Dan and Gladys lived on their farm northwest of Culbertson until they moved into town in 1986.*

*Gladys was very active at Trinity Lutheran Church. She enjoyed attending WELCA, teaching both Sunday school and bible school. Gladys was also a volunteer at the Culbertson Museum and Food Bank for many years, and she enjoyed time spent with friends at the Senior Citizens Center.*

*Baking Norwegian "goodies" and delicious home cooked meals were her specialties. She always welcomed guests and family with freshly baked treats. Some of her favorite hobbies were sewing, jigsaw puzzles, playing pinochle, and making crafts. Gladys adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always tried to attend all of their activities.*

*Gladys passed away surrounded by her family on July 22, 2012 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings.*

*Gladys is survived by her husband, Dan; two children, Tom (Shirley) Tietz and Laura (Larry) Bergum; grandchildren, Angela (Ryan) Lindley, Chris (Vecta) Tietz, Julie (Brad) Collins, Eric (Cassandra) Bergum, Deanna (Matt) Monson, and Jessica Tietz; and twelve great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth (Howard) Iverson, Betty McGinnis, Marion Wolff; and brothers, Russell Oelkers, Marvin (Hulda) Oelkers, Ray Oelkers, and Donald (Myrna) Oelkers.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents (Russell and Maren); her sisters, Alice Oelkers, Leona Young, and Ann Ueland; and her brothers, Floyd Oelkers and Stanley Oelkers.*



*A  
mother's love  
gives us  
our first glimpse  
of heaven.*

*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.*

*2 Timothy 4:7*

## *Footprints*

*One night a man had a dream.*

*He dreamed he was walking along the beach  
with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
He looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened  
at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the  
LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided  
to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome  
times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why when I needed you most  
you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and I would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints, It  
was then that I carried you."*

*Author Unknown*

## **In Memory Of Gladys Mariam Tietz**

### **Date and Place Of Birth**

March 4, 1922

Rural Culbertson, Montana

### **Date and Place of Death**

July 22, 2012

Billings, Montana

### **Funeral Service**

10:00 AM, Saturday, July 28, 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church

Culbertson, Montana

### **Officiating**

Pastor Al Beyer

### **Pianist**

Vicki Grimsrud

### **Special Music**

Trinity Men's Choir with  
Laura June Beck

### **Casketbearers**

Ronald Oelkers

Arne Iverson

Curtis Thiessen

Darin Oelkers

Leroy Luft

Tim Feeley

### **Honorary Bearers**

All of Gladys' Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

### **Interment**

Friedens Gemeinde Cemetery

Rural Culbertson, Montana



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