



*A Mother holds  
her children's  
hands for  
a while...  
their  
hearts  
forever*



### *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 left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the 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 heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now. He set me free*

*For Those I Love  
For Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...I have  
so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie  
yourself to me with tears, be happy that we had so  
many years. I gave you my love. You can only  
guess how much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love each of you have shown,  
but now it's time I travelled on alone. So  
grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only  
for awhile that we must part, so bless the  
memories that lie within your heart. I  
won't be far away, for life goes on. So  
if you need me, call and I will come. Though  
you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
all of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way  
alone....I'll greet you with a smile and  
"Welcome Home."*

The family of Marie West gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship, at the church, immediately following the interment service.

*After Glow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an after glow  
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun  
of happy memories that I leave  
when my life is done.*

*"No Sad Tears"*

*I only ask one thing: no sad tears for me.*

*Every wonderful, delightful, thrilling,  
experience and emotion that life has to offer  
has been mine. Rather recall me with a fond  
smile as wife, mother, grandmother and  
friend who shares your laughter, tears,  
and dreams through the years.*

*Save your sadness and sorrow for those  
who leave before they  
taste all the joys of life. I've cradled my  
daughter & son in my arms. Think of the  
happy times. Most of all remember the times  
that we were together as a family and as friends.*

*As long as someone remembers me with a fond  
recall and shares a thought or two of me, I  
will live in you. For all who have loved and been  
loved have earned a piece of immortality.*

*No sad tears for me*

*In Loving Memory...*  
**Marie Pearl West**

*March 21, 1918 ~ April 23, 2010*

*Funeral Service*

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010 ~ 10:00 A.M.*

*Central Christian Church*

*Marshalltown, Iowa*

*Officiants*

*Rev. Gail Thiessen ~ Dr. L. Brent Cantrell*

*Special Music*

*Organist ~ Collette Bengé*

*Vocalist ~ Suzie Moore*

*Casket Bearers*

*Brent Swanson*

*Sarah Swanson*

*Brian Swanson*

*Jackie Swanson*

*Britt Mikels*

*Ted Mikels*

*Nicholas West*

*Honorary Casket Bearers*

*Tom Gilson*

*Earl Steward*

*Barb Scafferi*

*George Bell*

*Bev Collins*

*Dennis Collins*

*Deb Rohne*

*Joel Rohne*

*Pam Osborne*

*Tim Switzer*

*Brad Switzer*

*Beth Haworth*

*Sam Scafferi*

*Jeff Caswell*

*Interment ~ Riverside Cemetery*

*Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes*

*She shall make music wherever she goes.*

Marie Pearl West, 92, of Marshalltown, died Friday, April 23, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born at home, March 21, 1918, in Marshalltown, the only child of Earl and Hazel Rice Case. She married Vernon C. West on March 28, 1945, at Central Christian Church.

Marie attended school in both Newton and Marshalltown, graduating in 1936 from Marshalltown High School. In high school she sang in the High School Trio. After graduation she worked for Herman's, Peerless Cleaners, Adam's Coal Company, The Dollar Store, and Northwestern Bell Telephone, working the night the phones went to dial. She also worked in the office for Fisher Controls.

Marie was proud that she had been the longest living member of Central Christian Church, having been a member for over 81 years. She loved her church. She was president of Christian Endeavor in her youth, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and held offices in Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a longtime member of the Merry Mixers Club which her mother helped found. She liked to play the old hymns on the piano and organ.

One of her greatest joys in life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed going on camping trips with the grandchildren and her vacations in Branson and Estes Park. She loved the simple things in life and enjoyed going for car rides, sitting on the front porch, sitting in her favorite chair by the window and her roses. She loved to talk on the phone to her friends Virginia Gilson, Helen Koehler, Doris Steward, Zora Dysart, Marion Quigley, Dorothy Thompson, Irene Opfer, the Merry Mixer ladies and many others.

She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Marie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Vernon, and children Janet (Don) Swanson of Hudson and Gary (Cindy) West of Marshalltown; her four grandchildren, Brent Wes (Sarah) Swanson of Ames, Brian (Jackie) Swanson of Denison, Britt Casey Marie (Ted) Mikels of Cedar Falls and Nicholas West of Ames; her three great-grandchildren, Alyssa Marie Swanson, Brennan James Swanson and Nathaniel West Swanson; and two nieces, Barb Scafferi and Bev Collins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen and Florian Wilcox.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be given to Central Christian Church or to the Animal Rescue League.