

### **I Come to the Garden Alone**

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me,  
Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Tho' the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

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### **Children of the Heavenly Father**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth



*In Loving Memory*  
***Gladys Damrose***  
*May 16, 1929 - January 12, 2021*

Gladys E. (Anderson) Damrose was born on May 16, 1929 to Albert and Ida (Ofstedahl) Anderson at their home in Providence Township, Lac qui Parle County, MN where her father was a blacksmith for many years. She was baptized and confirmed at the Dawson Covenant Church in rural Dawson. She attended country school in District #38 in Providence Township and graduated from Dawson High School in 1947. She graduated from Teacher Training School in Montevideo, MN in 1948 and North Park Junior College in Chicago, IL in 1950.

On June 27, 1953 Gladys was united in marriage to Albert A. Damrose at the Dawson Covenant Church. Gladys and Al presented the world with four well-loved children: Barbara Jean, Rebecca Ann, Laura Lou and Mark Eric.

Gladys enjoyed sewing, reading, singing, cooking, baking (always being sure to burn a few cookies for Al – as he expressed a love of the burnt cookies in their early marriage), knitting mittens and hats for grandchildren and the Springfield Rescue Mission, puzzles, games, and most of all loved Jesus and her family. She was a gracious hostess, welcoming all to her table, and especially was a friend and refuge for the hurting and otherwise rejected. Gladys taught in a one-room schoolhouse, was a Pastor's wife (and all that goes with that), together with Al she was a houseparent at Chapin Hall "The Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan Asylum," a long-term foster parent and was also designated as an emergency foster home for temporary placement. From its earliest days, Gladys and Al played a large role in the development of Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center. Gladys also was an ESL teacher for the Hispanic community in Westfield, and a Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a leader of Covenant Women and a Ladies Aid participant at several churches. Gladys spent 27 years ministering in the Springfield Evangelical Covenant Church in Massachusetts. One of her favorite activities was rocking babies during MOPs meetings. In addition, she spent almost 27 years participating in ministries at Broadway Covenant Church in Rockford, IL, where she was part of the Circle of Concern.

She is survived by her husband Al Damrose; children: Barb (Steve) Wood of Lombard, IL; Becky of Rockford, IL; Lauri (Greg) Moore of Harrisburg, PA; Mark (Julie) of Streamwood, IL; and foster son Dennis Micjenka of Florence, MA; ten grandchildren: Allison Wood, Lynelle (Nathan) Overturf, Christopher Damrose, Peter, Andrew (Kristy), Philip Moore, Sarah (Tim) Gridley, and Nathanael Moore; Nathan and Michael Damrose; two great grandchildren: Aiden and Abbigail with the promise of another arriving in May to grandson Andrew and wife Kristy; and special friend, 'unofficial adopted daughter' Marthes Kingambo and family.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sisters Veloris and husband Wallace Miller, Lauraine and husband Lloyd Hanson, brothers Donald and wife Margaret Anderson, and Raymond Anderson; niece Elaine Miller DeJesus, and nephews Richard Miller and Keith Hanson; and her brother-in-laws Richard and Robert and his wife Edna Damrose.

Gladys E. Damrose, 91, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, niece and friend, was escorted from Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center to heaven in Jesus arms on January 12, 2021.

Blessed be her memory.

*In Loving Memory Of*

# *Gladys Damrose*

## **BORN**

May 16, 1929

Providence Township  
Lac qui Parle County, MN

## **DIED**

January 12, 2021

Rockford, IL

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Monday, January 18, 2021 - 1:30 PM

Hanson & Dahl Funeral Home  
Dawson, MN

## **OFFICIATING**

Tyler Menssen

## **SONG LEADER**

Becky Damrose

Invocation and Prayer

Scripture Reading                      1 Corinthians 10:13                      Mark Damrose

Hymn                      *"I Come To The Garden Alone"*

Family Remembrances                      Al Damrose & Barb Wood

Message                      Pastor Tyler Menssen

Committal and Prayer

Hymn                      *"Children Of The Heavenly Father"*

Benediction

## **FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Dawson Covenant Cemetery  
Dawson, MN

Arrangements with Hanson & Dahl Funeral Home - Dawson, MN  
and Olson Funeral Home - Rockford, IL