



The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

AT THE TIME of the crucifixion, the dogwood was the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was selected as the timber for the cross.

To be used for such a purpose, caused the tree great distress and grief. Jesus observed this and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering, made the tree this promise,

"Never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender, bent and twisted. Its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross with the print of the nails in each petal. In the center of the flower will be the crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember that it was upon a dogwood tree I was crucified. Therefore this tree shall not be destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of my death upon the cross."

IN MEMORY OF
MR. HENRY HARTLAND

DATE OF BIRTH
February 28, 1898

DATE OF DEATH
September 20, 1961

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES
Bender Funeral Home
Gettysburg, Pa.
Saturday, September 23, 1961, 10 A.M.

CLERGYMAN
Rev. Robert MacAskill

PLACE OF INTERMENT
Evergreen Cemetery
Gettysburg, Pa.

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