

Gladys Marie Vliem, age 89, of Lodgepole, SD passed away on Sept 24, 2024, at the West River Care Center in Hettinger, ND. Gladys was born on October 3, 1934 to Gilbert and Marie VanWyk.

Gladys graduated from Hettinger High School and attended one year of college at Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, SD. She married Jim Vliem on November 6, 1953. To this union, 6 children were born- Pat, Audrey, Emmett, Gayla, Joy, and Mike.

For many years, Gladys fondly worked for the Hettinger Hospital, where she formed many lasting friendships. She also was employed at the C&N Cafe, arriving early to make salads, pies, and a favorite of many, knoephla soup.

Jim passed away in 1991, when Gladys was only 57 years old. She filled her time and shared her love by helping people in the community in need of a fresh meal, house cleaning, a visit and coffee, or however she could help. Gladys loved making quilts and became a master at it. She gave many quilts away, and all her grandchildren received one upon high school graduation.

On November 29, 2011, Gladys suffered from a hemorrhagic stroke which forever changed her life. She has spent the last 13 years being lovingly cared for at West River Assisted Living and West River Care Center. Despite her struggles, she remained happy, a jokester, and loved life. She relied on her faith in God and knew there was a better plan for her.

Gladys is survived by her children, Patricia Craft, Audrey (Eugene) Solseth, Emmett (Pat) Vliem, Gayla (Carl) Buechler, Joy (Jeff) Achtenberg and Michael Vliem; special nephew, Kory VanWyk; grandchildren, Terra (Luke) Lloyd, Gerrit (Jessie) Solseth, Ryley (Carol) Buechler, Trisha (Jeff) Baum, Ryan Malm, Abby (Caleb) Pokorny, Emily (Jake) Hunsberger, Eva (Nate) Grossnicklaus; great grandchildren, Dylan Larsen, Tobias Solseth, Beckett and Decker Buechler, Owen, Hannah and Reagan Baum and Camden Malm; brother-in-law, Dean Anderson; sisters-in-law, Dort and Betty Vliem; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; sisters, Thelma (Bud) Sandgren and Elaine Anderson; brothers Rodney, Buster and Warren (Carolyn) VanWyk; sisters-in-law, Gert (Tony) Kooiman and Hum (Arnold) LeFebre; brothers-in-law, Art (Ethel), Frank (Arlene), Harold, Albert and Alfred Vliem; son-in-law, Bill Craft; grandchildren, Jessica Craft and Carlie Malm.

In Loving Memory of **Gladys Vliem**



A Mother Gone

Gone is a mother loved by all,
Her soul is now at rest.
She'll sleep in peace, her work is done,
A mother's work—the best.
She'll know the joy of perfect rest
In heaven up above,
Where she may dwell contentedly
Protected by God's love.
Our hearts may grieve that she must lie
Beneath the sacred sod.
And yet we know she lives in peace
Within the house of God.



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Date and Place of Birth

October 3, 1934

Lodgepole, SD

Date and Place of Death

September 24, 2024

Hettinger, ND

Service of Remembrance

11:00 am

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Holland Center Christian Reformed Church

Lodgepole, SD

Rev. Brad Burkhalter, officiating

Rod LeFebre, organist

Special Music

Kory VanWyk, soloist

Holland Center Men's Group

Active Casketbearers

Ryley Buechler

Dick Vliem

Kory VanWyk

Garrit Solseth

Jerry Vliem

Dave Vliem

Interment

Holland Center Cemetery

Lodgepole, SD

"When shadows fall across our lives and dim the sunshine's glow, by being here you help us bear our grief and onward go." With that thought in mind, on behalf of the family, we thank you for attending the service. Following the graveside service, all are invited for a time of fellowship and luncheon in the church basement.

Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home

Greg Jensen, Matthew Barnes, Caitlin Johnson, Directors

Lonnie Stippich, Assistant

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