

Gladys Lucile Ellingson was born February 7, 1955, in Fargo, ND. She grew up and attended school in Fargo, graduating from Fargo South High School in 1972. She then attended business college at Dakota School of Business.

Gladys married Roger Thomas Durensky on July 9, 1977, in Barnesville. She began working at State Bank of Fargo, downtown, and then at the 13th Avenue location as a customer service representative. Gladys was the friendly face and traffic director to greet you at the bank for many years. Gladys and Roger lived in West Fargo, ND, for three years then moved to Fargo for another three years. In 1985, they moved to Barnesville and built their home in the country in 2012. Gladys has suffered from dementia for the past several years and most recently has lived at Farmstead Memory Care.

Gladys was a member of Assumption Catholic Church, Barnesville, where she participated in the Guild. She enjoyed her family time and visits from her friends. Over the years she also enjoyed different travels and cruises with Roger and friends.

She is lovingly survived by her husband, Roger; two sons, Christopher and David; grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Michael, Jasmine, and Justin; and siblings, Lora (Jim) Hovland and Ruth Ellingson. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Eddie.

Gladys Durensky died on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Farmstead Memory Care in Moorhead, MN under the care of HIA Hospice at the age of 71 years and 3 days. May her memory be blessed.



Celebrating the Life of
Gladys Lucile Durensky
February 7, 1955 ~ February 10, 2026



She is Whole Again

She was a gentle soul
even when her thoughts began to wander
like pages loosened from their binding,
lifting into a wind no one else could feel.

Names slipped first,
then dates,
then the tidy rows of ordinary things.
But kindness stayed.
Kindness sat beside her
like a faithful friend who refused to leave.

She would smile at sunlight
as if it were an old companion.
She would hold a hand
as though it were the most important treasure
in the room.

Dementia moved through her
like a slow winter fog,
softening edges,
blurring landmarks,
hiding familiar doorways.
We called her name
and sometimes she found her way back to us.
Sometimes she did not.

Yet beneath the fading maps of memory,
her heart remained steady.
Love was the language
that never left her tongue.

And now,
whatever tangled threads once knotted her mind
have been gently combed straight.
The fog has lifted.
The pages are gathered.
The story is whole.

She remembers.
She knows.
She stands in a bright and boundless place
where nothing is misplaced,
where every name is clear as morning bells,
where her spirit walks unburdened.

The gentle soul we loved
is gentle still
but no longer lost.

She is whole again.

Mass of Christian Burial
Monday, February 16, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM
Assumption Catholic Church
Barnesville, Minnesota

Officiating
Fr. Todd Arends

Scripture Reader
Rosie Schritz

Gift Bearers
Chris Durensky and David Durensky

Special Music
Marcia Dilbeck, organist
Phyllis Peppel, cantor

Pallbearers
Richard Maier Gary Williams
Richard Scheffler John Gilbertson
Jim Nelson Howard Schindler

Final Resting Place
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Barnesville, Minnesota

