

Ione Jeanette Swanstrom, 103, entered her heavenly home on June 25, 2026, at Eventide Sheyenne Crossings in West Fargo, ND.

Ione was born September 10, 1922, in Verona, ND, to Perry and Josephine Peterson. Raised on the family farm, she learned the values of hard work, kindness, and caring for others that guided her throughout life.

She married Orville Swanstrom, and together they made their home in Fargo, ND, where they raised their family. Ione was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend who found great joy in time with loved ones.

She is survived by her children, Paul Swanstrom of Fargo, ND, Patty Hendricksen (Daryl) of Moorhead, MN, Brenda Leigh (Greg) of Maple Grove, MN, and Scott Swanstrom (Gayle) of Fargo, ND; her grandchildren, Kerry, Dustin, Shayna, Travis, and Sara; and her great-grandchildren, Kamia, Henry, Brynn, Halle, Sophia, Jackson, and Micah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Swanstrom; her parents, Perry and Josephine Peterson; and her sisters, Doris Lomsdal and Joyce McCleary.

A longtime member of First Lutheran Church in Fargo, Ione lived a life rooted in faith. She was active in women's prayer groups and faithfully prayed for others, offering compassion, encouragement, and quiet strength.

Ione was known for her caring heart and generous hospitality, welcoming family, friends, and visitors with coffee, homemade treats, and warmth. She treasured family gatherings and created lasting traditions and memories.

She enjoyed reading and studying the Bible, traveling with loved ones, and offering steady support and prayer in both joyful and difficult times.

Her kindness, humility, and love for her family leave a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and hospitality.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Eventide Sheyenne Crossings and the HIA Hospice caregivers whose care brought comfort during Ione's final days.

Memorials are preferred to First Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND.



"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go
to prepare a place for you? And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again
and take you to myself, so that where I am,
there you may be also. And you know the
way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know
where you are going. How can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

~ John 14:1-6

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But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your
mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which
we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord
Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one
believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth
confession is made unto salvation.

~ Romans 10:8-10

Remembering

Ione Swanstrom

September 10, 1922 - June 25, 2026

Funeral Service

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home
Fargo, North Dakota

Pastor Marty Tollefson, *Officiant*
Linda Jaeger, *Soloist*
Bill Tweten, *Accompanist*

Congregational Hymns

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" #479
"The Old Rugged Cross" #327

Special Music

"I Love to Tell the Story"
"The Lord's Prayer"

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Ione's Grandchildren

Burial

Riverside Cemetery
Fargo, North Dakota

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.