

A Life Well Lived

Our mother lived a long and full life, rich in love, laughter, and faith.

Her greatest joy was her family — the moments shared, the stories told, and the love that will carry on in each of us.

Though we will miss her deeply, we are grateful for the life she lived and the legacy she leaves behind.

Loved always. Remembered forever.

Thank you for joining us in remembering and celebrating our mother's life,

The Children of Gladys Boomsma

In Loving Memory



Gladys Jean Boomsma
October 2, 1931 — March 5, 2026

Gladys Jean Boomsma, age 94, passed away March 5, 2026.

She is survived by her seven children: James (Nancy) Boomsma of Wichita, KS; Gary (Doreen) Boomsma of Wolsey, SD; Janet (Mark) Lovre of Sioux Falls, SD; Kenneth (Carol) Boomsma of Coffee Camp, Australia; Jean (Don) Rose of Sioux Falls, SD; Joan (Randy) Brooks of Omaha, NE; and Matt (Jodi) Boomsma of Oak Island, NC. She is also survived by 24 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and one sister, Grace Sperle.

Gladys was born on October 2, 1931, in Broadland, South Dakota, to Elmer and Lillian Legrand. She married James Boomsma on December 25, 1952, and they spent many years together raising their family.

Gladys lived her entire life in Beadle County, primarily in Wolsey, where she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. It was a remarkable sight when all nine members of the Boomsma family filled a pew on Sunday mornings.

In the early 1990s, Gladys moved to Huron, where she embraced an active lifestyle that included playing bridge and pinochle, spending time with her siblings, and visiting her children across the country and abroad. These travels took her to places like Kansas, North Carolina, and even Australia. Known for her sharp wit and competitive spirit, Gladys was always a formidable opponent at the card table.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and three sisters (one in infancy).

Memorial Service

Saturday, April 4, 2026 — 11:00 AM
St. John's Lutheran Church
Wolsey, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. L. Scott Spiehs

Presenters

Joan Brooks — Daughter
Julie Beehler — Granddaughter
Cody Kool — Grandson

Music

Just As I Am, Without One Plea
Amazing Grace
How Great Thou Art
The Old Rugged Cross
In The Garden

Brenda Sievers — Organist

The Tolling of the Bell

Gary Boomsma

Interment

Broadland Cemetery
Broadland, South Dakota