Gloria Ione Lee, 94, of West Fargo, ND, passed away on November 3, 2026 at Sanford Hospice House with her daughters at her side.

Born on September 7, 1932 on the family farm South of Badger, Minnesota to Alfred and Minnie Thompson. She attended a country grade school near there and graduated from Badger High School in 1950.

Gloria soon met Albert Lee and they were married November 15, 1951. They made a life together on the family farm by Ross, Minnesota. Gloria was the epitome of a farm wife. She did everything from milking cows, driving truck, and bringing lunch out to the field. She bottle-fed calves and lambs and adopted the stray cats that would show up on the farm. She was an expert lutefisk and lefse maker and taught that skill to her daughters and granddaughters (the lefse anyway). She also worked as a nurse aide at the Budd Hospital in Roseau until she began raising her family.

Gloria was a caregiver all her life, from her work at the hospital, to taking care of her aging parents and husband. She cared for grandchildren and neighborhood kids and welcomed nieces and nephews to the farm in the summers. Her home was always filled with love and laughter.

Travel was a highlight for Albert and Gloria. They especially enjoyed bus tours and made many long-lasting friendships.

Gloria was an active member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Ross, Minnesota her whole life. She made countless quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Many people in need around the world are being comforted by her quilts. She looked forward to gathering with her neighbors in the Sunshine Club and enjoyed many years of laughter, coffee, and lasting friendships. Above all else, Gloria will be remembered for her kindness, listening ear, and making everyone she was around feel at home.

Gloria moved to New Perspectives Senior apartments with her 2 cats in September, 2023 and made many friends. Her close friend, Charlotte, brought her such joy, and Melissa was her favorite puzzle partner! She loved Bingo, exercise class, puzzles, and having coffee with the ladies in the Bistro.

Gloria is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Dan) Johnson and children, Joshua (Lisa) Johnson, Bryce (Kate) Johnson and Kelsey Sondreli; Janice (Royce) Larson and children, Jared (Kayla) Larson and Tyler Larson; daughter-in-law, Connie Lee (wife of Gloria's late son, Steven) and children, Tara (Derek) Ellenson, Jessica (Dave) Simmons, Erin (Ryan) Murray and Kya (Daniel) Halstensgard; and 16 great-grandchildren, Blake, Orion, Forest, Morgan, Nash, Abigail, Nolan, William, Olivia, Samuel, Eve, Cameron, Kelly Wayne, Noralaine, Landon, and Everly.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; son, Steven; and siblings, Audrey Stoe and Dale Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Cats Cradle, Fargo, ND, Sanford Hospice House, or the charity of your choice.

IN LOVING

Memory



Gloria Ione Lee

September 7, 1932 - November 3, 2026

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Remembering

Gloria Lee

September 7, 1932 - November 3, 2026

Celebration of Life
Saturday, November 14, 2026 - 1:30 PM
Horace Lutheran Church
Horace, North Dakota

Pastor Will Sappington, *Officiant*
Bev Roux, *Accompanist* Alex Rydell, *Violinist*
Kya Halstensgard, *Eulogist*

Congregational Hymns
"In The Garden"
"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Special Music
"Ashokan Farewell"

Honorary Pallbearers
All of Gloria's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Memorial Gathering
Saturday, November 21, 2026 - 2:00 PM
Concordia Lutheran Church
Ross, Minnesota

All are invited to a reception following the service.