



Gloria Ekern

October 19, 1924 - January 9, 2012

Gloria Elaine Davidson was born October 19, 1924 to Harry and Minnie (Olsberg) Davidson, on a farm near Kathryn, ND. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She attended school in Kathryn all 12 years. After graduating, she worked for a time at "The Barnes County News", a weekly newspaper in Valley City, ND, and then returned to help on the farm. In 1945, she married Aaron Ekern at Ft. Ransom, ND. Five boys and a girl were born to this union. The family farm was home until 1981, when Aaron and Gloria moved to Kathryn. He died in 1986. Gloria remained in her little house with the big yard she loved.

Gloria was a Sunday School teacher, a member of St. Paul's WELCA, serving a number of offices there. She was also township and city assessor for 22 years. She worked as a volunteer at the Kathryn Community Store from 1984 until it closed.

Her passions were good music, especially the piano-which she taught herself to play; sewing quilts for family and the church; and tending the flowers and the yard-which filled her days until she was no longer able. She loved bird watching, dancing, and playing cards. Gloria pressed her favorite pansies to create framed art. She enjoyed all things about nature, especially watching the seasons change.

Gloria died at her daughter's home near Binford, ND on January 9, 2012, under the care of Presentation Hospice. She is survived by five children, Gary (Donna) of Valley City, David of Glenfield, ND, Paul (Mary) of Warren, MN,

Loretta (LeRoy) Eggermont of Binford, ND, and Monte (Lillian) of Wahpeton, ND; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; several step grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her special friends in her Tuesday sewing group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Richard; an infant sister, Harriet; and two brothers, Omer and Gerald.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

JAN **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Kathryn
Kathryn, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Gloria, you will be so missed by so many, of which I am one. You have always had a special spot in my heart and always will. Love and prayers for those you left behind. I praise God that you no longer suffer. Sing with the Angels all those precious songs, and walk those streets of gold.##imported-begin##Jan and Jeff Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Gloria has a special place in my heart. Though out lives went in different directionis, she was my best friend in high school. She had many friends and we campaigned tirelessly to make her The Kathryn High School Carnival Queen in October 1941. She will be remembered; her life made a positive difference in the lives of others.##imported-begin##Wanda Newkiek##imported-end##

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“ We love your mom. We will hold her, always, in our hearts. The second year we lived in Kathryn, she learned that my family is in California. She told me she would be my North Dakota Mother. She has held that spot in my heart since!!

May peace be with all of you.

Sincerely,

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