



Sylpha Marie Lee

Sylpha was born Sept. 19, 1927, to Henry and Clara (Hagen) Bjerkager in the family home by Colfax, ND. She attended a country school, high school in Galchutt where she played basketball and graduating in Wahpeton. She also attended NDSSS. December 4, 1948, she married Kenneth Lee and they lived in Wahpeton and Fargo

before moving to her family homestead. They raised 3 children, VaLois, Karen and Kevin.

During the 60's she fostered newborns through Lutheran Social Services, caring for 15 babies during a span of 5 years. For 26 years she cooked for the Galchutt and Abercrombie senior citizens, retiring at 82. Sylpha was a Blue Bird and 4H leader, was active in homemakers, and held several positions in her church. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed crafting and social activities. In her later years, she spent many hours coloring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, daughter VaLois McConnell, and brother Phillip Bjerkager.

Sylpha is survived by her daughter Karen (Jim) Gallagher, son Kevin Lee, son-in-law, John McConnell; grandchildren, Kelly (Dave) Bowers, Kyle McConnell, Michael Gallagher, Kristen (Eric) McConnell, Tommy (Autumn Storms) Lee, and Nicole Wolbeck; 14 great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-granddaughters, 3 great-great-granddaughters; and numerous family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Four Seasons Healthcare for their kind and compassionate care.





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Born

September 19, 1927 | Rural Colfax, North Dakota

Passed Away

July 19, 2024 | Forman, North Dakota

Age

96 Years | 10 Months

Funeral Service

2:00 PM | Saturday, July 27, 2024
Our Saviors Lutheran Church | Colfax, North Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Deb Stave

Organist

Ruth Moe

Eulogy

Kristen McConnell

Special Music

Amy Lehmann and Jackie Hovind | "How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Hymns

Hymn No. 632 | "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Hymn No. 785 | "Peace Like a River"

Hymn No. 733 | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Honorary Pallbearers

Kelly Bowers | Kristen McConnell | Nicole Wolbeck

Pallbearers

Kyle McConnell | Michael Gallagher | Tommy Lee
John Robert McConnell | Dave Bowers | Eric McConnell

Interment

Our Saviors Cemetery | Rural Colfax, North Dakota