

# *Celebrating the Life of*

Bessie Mae Klose was born on February 27, 1936, at home near Kandiyohi, Minnesota, the daughter of Arthur and Myrtle (Bosch) Johnson. She grew up in the Fahlun Township and Atwater communities and graduated from Atwater High School in 1954. On April 27, 1956, Bessie was united in marriage to George “Fred” Klose Jr. After living a year in Alaska, they returned to the Atwater community where they farmed and raised their family.

Bessie loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a FARMER until the end. At the same time, she was involved in many community activities including: adult leader of Happy Hollow 4-H, various roles at Harrison Community Presbyterian Church, Atwater Alumni Association, Atwater Threshers and local, state and national roles at Farmers Union.

Bessie was well known in the area as Bessie's Baking and famous for her pies and lefse. Bessie loved baking—for and with her family and friends, for the county fair and countless benefits. She enjoyed her animals (especially her dog Goldie), her birds, traveling, attending theater events, reading, catching up with others on the phone and watching her TV shows.

She is survived by her three children, Jeff (and Jean) Klose of Kandiyohi, Lori Klose of Atwater and Lisa (and John) Severson of Eau Claire, WI.; seven grandchildren, Nicole (and Joe) Schlagel of New Ulm, Brooke (and Mike) Knutson of New London, Renae (and Dave) Miller of Atwater, Kirsten (and Nick) Undis of Annandale, Erik Severson of Eau Claire, WI., Luke Severson of Eau Claire, WI., and Britt Sieber of Germany; and fourteen great grandchildren, Bronwyn and Rowan Schlagel, McCartney, Alexa, Ella and Chase Knutson, Brandon, Ryan, Paige and Sophie Miller, Karla Sieber, Delilah and Dexter Stevens, and Isaiah Carreon. Also surviving is one sister, Lois Erickson of Willmar and sisters and brothers-in-law, Cleo (and Bill) Hunter, Brenda Dart, Monica Klose, Sue Klose, Richard Klose and Pat Klose, besides many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband George “Fred” in 2016; two brothers, Arlie in infancy and Marvin; one great grandson, Teegan in infancy and a granddaughter-in-love, Kandis Hays.



*Bessie Mae Klose*

*1936 - 2022*

## *I am not there*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softly falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush  
Of birds in circling flight.  
I am the star shine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room,  
I am the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I did not die.*

— *Mary Frye*

Arrangements By  
*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

## *Bessie Mae Klose*

February 27, 1936  
Kandiyohi, Minnesota

July 14, 2022  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

### **Celebration of Life Service**

Friday, July 22, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Harrison Community Presbyterian Church  
Spicer, Minnesota

Opening: Scripture/Prayer  
Opening Song: "Amazing Grace"  
Scripture: Psalm 90:1-6, 12  
Special Music: "In the Garden" - Fred Everson  
Confession/Forgiveness  
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 & 1 John 4:7-12  
Meditation—Pastor Kathy Terpstra  
Special Music: "Does Jesus Care" - Fred Everson  
Apostle's Creed & Prayer  
Commendation & Benediction  
Recessional Song: "How Great Thou Art"

### **Active Casketbearers**

Luke Severson Erik Severson Mike Knutson  
Joe Schlagel Dave Miller Nick Undis Jim Windschitl

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

Bessie's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

### **Interment**

Cloverleaf Memorial Park Cemetery  
Willmar, Minnesota