

Evon Claire Thompson, born Evon Riebe in Frazee, Minnesota on March 5th, 1936. She left this world peacefully from her home in Mesa, AZ at the age of 87 on February 16, 2024, transitioning to be with her Lord. She was a beacon of love and strength, always placing her family above all else.

Life threw its hardest blows at Evon, yet she stood tall, unwavering in her love and devotion. The loss of her firstborn son, Scott, in a motorcycle accident at just 16 years of age was a heartbreak no parent should endure. But Evon, with her remarkable resilience, continued to pour her love into her family, raising two more children while keeping her late son's memory alive in their hearts. She shared her life with her family and beloved husband, Allan, for 67 years.

Evon had an extraordinary talent for finding and creating beauty in the world around her. From her vibrant tabletop displays to her apple green shag carpet and hot pink flocked Christmas tree, her home was a testament to her marvelous eye for color and flair for the unique. She shared her decorating talents at the family business, Devils Lake Glass and Paint, helping customers with picture framing to decorate their homes.

Beyond her artistic talents, Evon found joy in the simple pleasures of life. An avid reader, expert solitaire player, and exceptional baker/cook, she found solace and happiness in these everyday activities. She had a flair for entertaining friends and family at their home, the lake and Mesa, AZ. But perhaps her greatest gift was her ability to connect with others. Whether engaging in deep conversations with loved ones or sharing a friendly "how are you" with a stranger in the grocery store, Evon's genuine interest and warmth touched the hearts of all who crossed her path.

Evon's love extended beyond her home, as she found great joy in cheering on her children and grandchildren at their sports events. Watching them play brought her immense pride and happiness and she never missed a game if she could help it.

During the warmer months in Devils Lake, she loved to serve breakfasts at St. Olaf Retreat Center and always stepped up to serve others with her gift to cook.

Evon leaves behind her loving husband Allan, Devils Lake, ND; cherished daughter, Dawn (Gerry) Brossart, Fargo ND; devoted son, Todd (Lynn) Thompson, Devils Lake, ND; and four adoring grandchildren, Garrett (Brook) Brossart, Bennington, NE; Lexa Brossart, Fargo, ND; Keaton Thompson (Grace Harcharik), Mannheim, Germany; Cole Thompson, Fargo ND; along with countless others whose lives she graced with her presence. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her memory will forever shine brightly in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her son Scott, parents Gustave "Gus" and Selma "Sally" Riebe and in-laws Earl and Anna Thompson.

Celebrating a Precious Life



Evon Thompson

*Beloved Wife, Mother,
Grandmother, Dearest Friend and Neighbor*

Evon Claire Thompson

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies:
You anoint my head with oil: My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



HER BIRTH

Thursday, March 5, 1936

Frazee, Minnesota

HOME TO HER LORD

Friday, February 16, 2024

At her home, Apache Wells, Mesa, Arizona

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 a.m.

OFFICIANT

The Reverend Lori Pankratz

SPECIAL MUSIC

Donovan Foughty, Soloist

Dennis Aardahl, Vocalist

Jean Aardahl, Pianist

CASKET BEARERS

Grandchildren

Garrett Brossart ~ Lexa Brossart

Keaton Thompson ~ Cole Thompson

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Lexa Brossart

READING SCRIPTURE

Garrett Brossart

HONORARY BEARERS

Larry Liere ~ Rick and Shirley LaFleur ~ Dale and Yvonne Dalziel

Jack and Sandy Zaleski ~ Jerry and Arlene Dunn

Harry and Darlene Lipert ~ Brent and Linda Auman

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

Devils Lake Cemetery

Devils Lake, North Dakota