



Gloria Jean Anderson

December 31, 1951 - July 25, 2022

Gloria Jean Anderson (Brown) inspired learning and healing in others throughout her life. As an ELCA Lutheran Minister, she served over five congregations. Prior to ministry, Gloria worked as a teacher of English, German, and Dramatic Arts for Gary Public Schools and St. Francis High School. Her students and parishioners remark on her as a light - inspiring their own careers and paths. It was common for lives to improve when Gloria was nearby. Taking students under her wing in their moments of need and counseling parishioners - helping them find real world solutions to problems.

Family remembers Gloria's skits she would write and perform for holidays as well as time spent in the woods with her sisters- nature proving a prominent inspiration. She and her daughter, Maren, co-wrote and illustrated a children's book for her grandson, August. She treasured her vacations with her sister Kathy, often near sea or woods and loved supporting her nieces and nephew in their dreams. Full of dreams herself she longed for a cabin in the woods where she would have certainly baked iced molasses cookies and prepared thoughtful and delicious meals for her family. Always a lover of birch trees and Northern Minnesota for walks, exploration, and inspiration. In serving Southwestern Minnesota she fell in love with the Pomme de Terre where she would take daily respite in hikes.

When we dream or tell a story, Gloria will be there, taking in the meaning and

cheering us forward. She will certainly be present in the autumn leaves and the quiet of winter- she will be in the flowers of spring and a ripple on the lake in summer. We will miss her smile and support but will always find her when we are in nature.

Gloria is preceded in death by her father, Donald Oliver Brown, grandparents Freda and Walter Lilyquist, Edna and Bill Brown, and brother-in-law, Jeff Wylie.

Gloria is survived by her daughter, Maren Elizabeth Marks (Anderson), grandson August Andrew Marks, mother Janet Brown, sisters Kathleen Milton-Wylie, LuAnne Johnson (Scott) and Cindy Mensing (Bruce). Her nieces and nephew, Kirsten Gustafson (Jason), Jenny Dewhirst (Chad), Jeff Wylie (Kelly), Marissa Johnson, Janna Johnson (Maria), Nicolee Mensing and Kory Mensing. Gloria is godmother to Candace Lilyquist, Kirsten, and Kory. Her grand nieces and nephews, Brandon Morgan, Arica Reesman, Rhae Reesman, Zack Dewhirst, Cameron Gustafson, and Tanner Wylie.

A Celebration of Gloria's Life will be at Bethany Lutheran Church in Remer, Minnesota on August 27, 2022, at 1:00pm.

Gloria was Baptized, Confirmed, Married and Ordained at Bethany.

A simple gathering in a local nature setting for friends of Gloria, Maren, and Gloria's sisters will be held sometime in late September. Time and place to be determined.

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“ I remember Gloria from high school and remember walking home from school with her one day. Seemed a long way walking the power line cut. I'll never forget her sweet spirit. She was called to minister and was glad to read she fulfilled the call. Good and faithful servant our Lord declares.

Darrell Winter - August 09, 2022 at 04:43 PM

KH

“ I didn't know Gloria long, only 63 years. She was my first crush in second grade, in Remer. So many happy memories flood the mind. I do not remember hearing a negative comment from Gloria about anyone. There were reasons she was Homecoming queen & class valedictorian. My love & good thoughts to all her family. I hope to visit more on the 27th.

Kurt Hoffman - August 09, 2022 at 12:14 PM

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“ Loved when Gloria and her dog would visit us on our patio. Had such good visits. Rest in peace Gloria. Prayers for her family and wishes of peace and comfort.

Stan & Shirley Weeding - August 02, 2022 at 09:30 AM

KL

“ Enjoyed working with Pastor Gloria when she accepted the call to come to Our Savior's in Chokio. She was a beacon in my life. Loved her sense of humor. Rest high on that mountain!!!

Kathe K Lyndsley - August 01, 2022 at 05:41 PM