



Louise E Gleason

September 10, 1929 - November 23, 2020

Louise Ellabeth Gleason, formerly of North Platte, Nebraska, passed away November 23, 2020 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Ellabeth was born on September 10, 1929 to James Harold and Jennie Lee (Hodges) Lotspeich, near Bingham, Nebraska. She was the middle of three children with an older brother (Lloyd) and a younger brother (Kayo), and lived most of her early life in the sandhills of Nebraska.

Ellabeth had a love for children and carried that love into a lifelong career as a teacher. Immediately after graduating high school, she began teaching at country schools in the sandhills, often riding to the school on horseback on Sunday and returning Friday afternoon. She continued her education, taking summer classes and correspondence courses to attain a teaching certificate. She also attended Peru State College for a year, and in 1961 received her Bachelor's degree in education from Chadron State College. In addition to the country schools, Ellabeth also taught at Hyannis elementary in Hyannis, Nebraska, and then at Cody grade school in North Platte until her retirement.

In addition to teaching full-time, Ellabeth managed to raise three children along the way, supporting their academic, church, social and sports activities. In later years she also provided a home for her elderly widowed mother.

A devoted fan of University of Nebraska football, Ellabeth followed the Huskers faithfully year in and year out, and was proud of her Big Red sweatshirts and memorabilia.

She was a longtime member of the Methodist church in North Platte, singing in the choir and participating in women's groups and bible studies there.

Survivors include her brother Kayo (Judy) Lotspeich, sons James (Karen) Gleason, Michael (Helen) Gleason, daughter Patricia Gleason, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ellabeth was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Lloyd Lotspeich.

Interment will be at the Hyannis Cemetery in Hyannis, Nebraska.

Comments



“EB” went to Saturday night services at the Methodist church in North Platte and there was a small group of we "single" ladies who went out to dinner afterward. The best story that come to my mind is when EB helped me with a mentee at a Salvation Army supper. The little kitchen was very dark and EB "tripped" over a stool someone left in the middle of the floor and went down face first. I thought she had broken her nose and took her to emergency where they took "rib" x-rays that ended up showing she had a tumor on one kidney!! This would have gone unnoticed except for this little accident, I always felt there was the hand of God in there somewhere. EB was one of the most amazing women I have ever known and feel that God blessed me with this friendship. She was never judgmental or critical of others and I know her love of Jesus and God was one of the strongest I have ever known. We here in North Platte who knew her have missed her since she moved away to be nearer to family. Be at peace EB, you made our hearts fuller!!

Lora Bevington, North Platte



Lora JANE Bevington - December 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ I had Mrs. Gleason as my grade school teacher at Cody school early 1970's, through-out the years I often remember how nice she treated me. My condolences to the family on their loss.

Kevin Edwards - December 02, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ So sad to read of Mrs. Gleason's death. She was a wonderful lady ! All three of my sons attended Cody Elementary School, so we saw her a lot. May God hold her loved ones in His Loving arms and comfort them.

Mary Johnson (McCarty) Yahn from Sidney, Nebraska

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“ Ellabeth and I were in the same Methodist Women's Circle. She provided the devotions at our meetings. I can still remember her joyous laugh. Our son had Ellabeth as a teacher at Cody School.....an excellent teacher. She left a legacy of caring and concern and will be missed. God bless you as you grieve your loss. Marlene Smeltzer

Marlene Smeltzer - December 01, 2020 at 12:18 PM



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Karen Gleason - November 30, 2020 at 01:31 PM