



Gloria Rops

June 10, 1942 - June 10, 2024

Gloria Rops was released from the chains of this earth and entered into eternal glory from her home outside of Lennox, surrounded by family, on Monday, June 10, 2024.

Gloria K. Gilbertson was born on June 10, 1942, in Canton, SD, the daughter of Arnold & Mildred (Coyer) Gilbertson. She lived on the family farm where she was active in church and music activities and 4-H. She attended Moe School #22 and graduated from Canton High School in 1960 and Sioux Valley School of Nursing in 1963. Following graduation, she worked at Sioux Valley Hospital. In 1965, she worked for a year at Queens Hospital in Hawaii before returning to Sioux Valley Hospital where she would meet Alan.

On June 2, 1973, she was united in marriage to Alan Rops at Lands Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, they lived in Vermillion for four years where she was Director of Nursing at Dakota Hospital and also worked at USD Student Health. In 1977, the family moved to Lennox where Gloria worked at the Lennox Area Medical Center. In 1985, they moved to their present home on the northwest edge of Lennox. Gloria's death ended a marriage of 51 years.

Gloria was an active member of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church where she belonged to the choir, sang solos and duets with her husband and taught and attended Sunday school and Bible studies. She communicated with all members of her extended church family - whether it be with cards, phone calls or emails. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Town 'N

Country FCE group and was on the Good Samaritan nursing home board. In October 2010, she received a new kidney from her nephew, Michael Lawrence Gilbertson, which extended her life for nearly 14 additional years. She was preceded in death by her mother in 1984, her father in 2007, and stepmother, Vera, in 2017. Gloria attained the age of 82 years.

Those grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Alan, and her children: Gaard (Melissa), Brock (Nancy), Mac, Allison (Chris) Reidburn; her four grandchildren: Liam, Austin, Finley and Sutton; one sister, Julie (Tom) Schirber of Lead, SD; two brothers, Michael (Melinda) of Dell Rapids, SD, and Curt (Deb) of rural Hudson, SD; step sister Helen (Rick) Paetow of Sioux Falls, SD, and step brother Greg (Wendy) Ulrickson of Canton, SD; plus several brothers and sisters in law, a number of nieces and nephews, as well as many friends.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 19 at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. The service will live streamed via the church YouTube channel LEPC. Visitation, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m., with a Time of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 18 also at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

Tribute Wall

JB

“Gloria was a special person to many. I will always remember the fun gatherings we had at the Gilbertson farm when we were kids. Gloria was a few years older and. always enjoyed being around the women working in the kitchen when she was a teenager. My mom, Arlene, always enjoyed being around her. In fact, I just received an email from Gloria on May 25, a month ago. Like always, she was telling me that she was still remembering my mom's birthday, even though mom passed nearly 5 years ago. How special of Gloria!!

Jim and Sharon Busch - June 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PT

“Pat and I are thinking and praying for you guys during this time. Knowing Gloria is rejoicing with Jesus is obviously reassuring, but we also know the sadness of missing such a wonderful lady is so tough. We have wonderful memories of her. God bless you, Rops family!



Pam Tiefenthaler - June 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RL

“Our deepest sympathies to Alan and the entire Rops family. We were saddened to hear of Gloria's passing. We hope you all find comfort in family, friends and the many memories you have of her.



Rich & Robin Luther - June 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Gloria will be remembered for her strong faith and her bubbling joy and boundless encouraging words.

Gary and Rise Jongeling - June 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Gloria was quite special. I will miss her.
I graduated with Gloria from Sioux Valley Hospital in 63. She was a great nurse.
When my father's family came from Norway they lived in Canton for years. I really got to know Gloria at my father's funeral reception in Lennox. She and her husband knew a lot of my grandmother's family...Eidsness too.
Gloria cared about a lot of people, her family and her community.
God speed her familiys healing.

Marlene A Beggin - June 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My sincere condolences to you Alan



Mary Goeman Martineau - June 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ The world will miss your beautiful smile.

Linda Schacht - June 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To the Rops family. My greatest condolences on the passing of Gloria. She was an outstanding person who raised a wonderful family. Please rest in peace. Will plant a tree in honor of Gloria. God Bless to you all.

Brian Lind

Brian Robert Lind - June 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family during this time.

Michele Theel - June 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ So sorry to hear of Gloria’s passing prayers for the families

Kristy Albers - June 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ My deepest sympathies in the loss of a great classmate! We will miss her

Val Shoemaker - June 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ i am so sorry to hear about Gloria's passing
😭 she will be missed dearly and i am praying for you and your family.

Love,
The Mayer Family



Sara S. Mayer - June 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I’m sorry for the loss of your Mother. May the perpetual light shine upon her and God’s loving arms wrap you all in his care and help you through this difficult time.
Sympathies & Prayers for all.

Joe Selensky Meier - June 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Just a wonderful joyful person. Grateful to have known Gloria and condolences to the family



Aaron Eide - June 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gloria. What a wonderful human she was. I have been thankful and blessed for the friendships from the Rops family for many years. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Barb (Javers) and Mike Stormo



Barb Stormo - June 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Goodby my good friend. I know we miss you here , but the angels rejoice there. hugs to G’s family

Mary Meier - June 12, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Lots of prayers and hugs to your family. 🙏🙏🙏

Mary Stack - June 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Alan and family please accept our sincere condolence on the passing of Gloria. She did so much good in her church, community, and family that she will be missed by all. Cherish the memories and God bless you all.

Rick and Joanne Eppard - June 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM