



Cleaice L. Sease

September 4, 1925 - April 11, 2011

Cleaice Lawanda Sease, 85, Mandan, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 11, 2011, after a long fight with congestive heart failure. She went to meet her many loved ones waiting for her in Heaven. Services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, April 15, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm Wednesday, April 13, and from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm Thursday, April 14, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Cleaice was born September 4, 1925, on a farm in Kensal, Wells County, ND, one of ten children born to Ralph and Eva Flanders Dwelle. Following the Depression, her family moved to Jamestown, ND, where she graduated from high school, and then took courses in typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping at Central Dakota Commercial College CDCC. After graduating from CDCC, she was placed as a secretary at NW Bell Telephone in Jamestown. She married Lohman Bailey on June 2, 1946, in Jamestown, and they moved to Shenandoah, IA. Two children were born in Shenandoah, Wayne and Lynda. Cleaice worked at KMA Radio in Shenandoah, where she met the Everly Brothers, who performed there often. In 1956, Cleaice moved to Riverdale, ND, and worked as a secretary for the US Government Corps of Engineers. She married Lowell Sease on November 29, 1957, in McClusky, ND. The family moved to Bismarck and she worked for Selective Service System from 1958 until her retirement. She was secretary to Col. James Ulmer and General L.A. Melhouse, as well as Col. Raymond J. Bohn to whom the National Guard Armory in Bismarck is dedicated. In

Bismarck, three children were born, Bonnie, Cindy, and Susan. Cleaice enjoyed ceramics and even owned a ceramics shop for four years and produced many beautiful pieces which are family treasures, and macramé. She was also very interested in genealogy and wrote a book of her life, which took over 20 years to write, called, "Prairie Gems". She enjoyed cooking and was the family matriarch who gathered the family for many large meals. Cleaice enjoyed the times fishing with her mother and children in Riverdale, crossword puzzles, playing Pinochle with her family, watching her favorite TV shows, "Little House on the Prairie", "The Waltons", "Bonanza", "Gunsmoke", and "Golden Girls", and she loved John Wayne. She volunteered for the State Historical Society and produced a monthly newsletter, as well as a membership list for Buckstop Junction. Cleaice donated faithfully each month to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would look forward to receiving a photo of a new child each month. She would tearfully and reverently paste each photo in a book that she kept. Cleaice loved North Dakota and would always take exception to anybody speaking negatively about it. Cleaice is survived by her husband, Lowell P. Sease, Mandan; her five children, Wayne Mary Sease, Bismarck, Lynda Bergo, Minneapolis, MN, Bonnie Jones, Mandan, Cindy Shannon Tomek, and Susan Phillip Lofthus, Wilton; her eight grandchildren, Nathan Sease, Eric Sease, Chad Bergo, Wendy College, Ryan Jones, Aja Jones, Ashley Tomek, and Devin Calheim; two step-grandchildren, Michael and Sean Lofthus and five great-grandchildren; her sisters, Lovera Kunz, Jamestown, ND, Elnora Riedy, St. Louis, MO, Sharon Kastner, Pierre, SD, and Jean Lang, CA; and her brother, Kenny Dwelle, Bismarck. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Eva Dwelle; and her brothers, Marvin, Norman, Dale and Raymond. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Cleaice's name.

Tribute Wall

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“ TO COMFORT YOU IN YOUR SORROW. PLEASE & I WERE TRAVELING THE STATE FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE & HAD A LOT OF MEMORIES. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON & LOVED HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. SINCERELY RUBY

RUBY BOWERMAN - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve and I would like to express our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. I ask for God's blessings on you and your family. May you find the courage and strength to move forward in peace and confidence and in knowing that her life was well-lived and full of love. Yours In Peace, Steve and Eva Dinneen

Eva Dinneen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cleaice was my mother in law. She was a very sweet wonderful lady. She was always very kind to me. She always had a smile on her face and always had something nice to say. I remember her well, loved her and always will. Lowell, Bonnie, Cindy, Suzie, Lynda, and Wayne I would like to express my deepest heart felt feelings of sorrow for your loss. I know how much Cleaice will be missed. May you find comfort in one another and peace in celebrating Cleaice's wonderful life. Cleaice is with the Angels now: God Bless all of you. Kent Kolstad

Kent Kolstad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bonnie, your Mom was a sweet and kind person. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Charlie*

Charlie Kolstad Geoffroy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember her as being a wonderful lady.*

Faye Walther Fiergola - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We were neighbors for a while and then lost touch. Susie, I remember how the first day we moved in next door to you and your family and you were over introducing yourself to Lauri. You girls were 4. You spent a lot of time at our house. We enjoyed your family and playing cards with them. You had a great Mom. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time. Give your family our condolences. Vony Reed Evelo*

Vonda Reed Evelo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Cleaice was like my second mom growing up. Her laughter would ring through the house, her compassion & understanding made it easy to talk with her. The hours of pinochle & cermaics are great memories I'll never forget. God's Blessings to all of you - Lowell, Wayne, Lynda, Bonnie, Cindy & Sue, you & your families are in my prayers. May you find comfort and peace in celebrating Cleaice's life, knowing she touched so many other lives...including mine.*

Linda Heitz Rhode - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM