Evelyn Ann (Froemming) Gease was born on September 14, 1920, at home in Carlos Township, Douglas County Minnesota to Walter and Anna (Brueske) Froemming. She was baptized and confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Leaf Valley, MN. Evelyn spent most of her childhood in the Leaf Valley area where she attended country school through the 8th grade.

As a teen, she worked as a nanny in Alexandria and then as a waitress. She moved to Minneapolis in her early 20's where she was employed at Honeywell for a couple years. Evelyn then returned to the Garfield MN area where she would eventually make her home for several years.

On October 26, 1947 she was united in marriage to Earl Gease at St. John's Lutheran Church in Garfield. This marriage was blessed with 4 children; Glenda, Wayne, Gail and Donna. They resided in Garfield until 1968, when they moved to Alexandria. That same year Evelyn started working at Bethany Nursing Home in Alexandria in the housekeeping dept. She retired around 1986.

For many years Evelyn planted large vegetable gardens, which the family ate from year-round as she also enjoyed canning. Her favorite hobby was sewing, which she did most of her life, including making masks during the pandemic at the age of 100.

In Garfield, Evelyn was a member of the St. John's Church Ladies Aid and the Fire Department Auxiliary. She also enjoyed a monthly sewing club with the ladies.

In Alexandria, she participated in the Zion Church Evening Guild and was active in the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries.

Evelyn died on September 20, 2021 at Bethany on the Lake in Alexandria, MN at the age of 101. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl; parents Walter and Anna; sister Delores Betterman.

Evelyn is survived by daughter Glenda (Mike) Kvitek of Alexandria, son Wayne (Sherry) Gease of Alexandria, daughter Gail (Darrell) Black of Apple Valley, daughter Donna (Randy) Christianson of Fargo ND; 11 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren; sister JoAnn Westerman of Watertown SD.



Don't Weep For Me

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sun on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awake in morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I did not die.

In Memory of

Evelyn Ann Gease

September 14, 1920 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ September 20, 2021

Funeral Service

Zion Lutheran Church Alexandria, Minnesota Saturday, September 25, 2021 2:00 PM

> **Officiant** Reverend Don Wilke

> > **Organist** Laurie Krueger

Casket Bearers

Kalin Kvitek Craig Black
Curt Black Nick Brosh
Travis Gease Cody Gease

Honorary Casket Bearers

Coreen Schoep Denise Petsche Heather Shaughnessy Taryn Klovstad Jamie Gease

> Interment Sunset Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

