

Lila was born to George and Isabel (Kerbaugh) Allen on September 14, 1927 in rural Ray, ND. She was raised on her parent's homestead south of Ray, attended Beaver Creek School and graduated from Ray High School in 1945. She married Carlyle Wheeler on June 21, 1945, and moved to the Wheeler farm north of Ray. Together they raised seven children along with grain and potatoes.

Lila was a wonderful mom, wife, caregiver and cook. She was well-known for her donuts, rhubarb cake, pies, buns, bread, cinnamon and caramel rolls, lefse, Christmas goodies (she made everyone's favorites), and the famous chocolate sandwich cookies. She not only cooked and cared for her own family but also set a plate for work crews, relatives and anyone who happened to be around at meal time. She was very involved in farming with driving truck, running the combine, running for parts and doing the book work. In later years she finally had time to read, do puzzles, play bingo, watch Jeopardy and became an avid Twins fan.

Lila was a long-time member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ray where she was active in the Altar Society. In her later years, she attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Williston. She lived her faith every day.

Lila is survived by two sons, Pat (ReNae) Wheeler of Burlington, ND, Tom (Lynnette) Wheeler of Ray, ND and four daughters, Faye Krogen of Williston, Maye Jones of Minot, Beth Wheeler of Williston, and Tina (Brad) Gudvangen of Benson, AZ, fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Carlyle, her son, Mike, her parents, George and Isabel and her two brothers, Lowell and Harvey.



In Loving Memory Of

Lila R. Wheeler

September 14, 1927 - July 25, 2017