

In Loving Memory of Lela . .

Lela Sylvia Blowers was born November 21, 1923 in Lansford to George and Christine (Rikansrud) Blowers. She was raised in Lansford and graduated from Lansford High School in 1942. She attended a business school in Minot for one year.

She married Robert Gates in Plentywood, Mont., in 1943. They lived near Loraine and farmed and operated R.B. Gates Manufacturing, a farm implement manufacturing business. They operated that business for many years prior to retiring and moving to Mohall. Robert died May 14, 1992. Lela made and sewed dolls and quilts after Bob passed away.

Lela was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church, Mohall, and the Hurley Homemakers Club. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, doll making and spending winters in Hawaii. She travelled to Alaska, Thailand and the Philippines and has a family of God there who remember her.

God saw you were getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you And whispered, "Come with me."	With tearful eyes we watched you suffer And saw you fade away. Although we loved her dearly, We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, Working hands were put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.	God could see that you were tired And the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyes And whispered, "Peace be thine."



*Paintings
by Lela*



Lela Sylvia Gates

DATE OF BIRTH November 21, 1923 Lansford, North Dakota	DATE OF DEATH January 14, 2009 Minot, North Dakota
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Eighty five years, one month, twenty-three days

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Jerome Catholic Church
Mohall, North Dakota

Thursday · January 22, 2009 · 10:30 a.m.

CELEBRANT

Father Joseph Andyssernil

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Carol Connole

MUSIC

Peggy Brown · Song Leader
Chantel R. Southam · Organist

CASKETBEARERS

Lela's grandchildren will serve as casketbearers

INTERMENT

Mohall Community Cemetery
Mohall, North Dakota

FAMILY

Children, Joan Gates, Mohall, ND; Mick (Pat) Gates, Lansford, ND;
Glenn Gates, Mohall, ND; Donna Gates, Anoka, MN;
and Penny Gates Ambler, Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii
11 Grandchildren and 11 Great-Grandchildren
Sister, Lillian (Harley) Davis, Bremerton, WA
and many Nieces, Nephews and Cousins

Lela was preceded in death by her Parents, Husband,
and Sister, Celia Mattern

Following the Funeral Mass, you're all invited to join the family in the Parish Center of the church for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Our family would like to thank you for being with us today and sharing in our sorrow. Your presence in thought and spirit is comforting. Please share your memories of Lela with us and one another.

Due to snow conditions at the cemetery, the burial will take place in the spring.

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