



Beatrice (Babe) Overlee was born Nov. 29, 1924, to Arthur and Nathalie (Thom) Zempel in Seattle. She died on May 29, 2013, in a Tioga nursing home.

Babe's parents were originally from Long Prairie, Minnesota. Her father was stationed in Ft. Lewis, Washington, during WWI. He liked the area so much so he moved his new wife to Seattle after the war and they raised their family there. She said her father never went back to Minnesota, but she, her mother and her sister, Zona, made several train trips to visit family in Minnesota. Babe was baptized and confirmed in the Missouri Synod Lutheran church in Seattle.

Her father gave her the nickname "Babe" when she was a little girl and that was her name for life. Her father died when she was 16, so she finished up her high school credits early and went to work at various jobs in Seattle, while also taking business courses in night school. The last job she had in Seattle for several years was for Great Northern Railroad in the passenger reservations office in downtown Seattle. She enjoyed many trips across the country on the Empire Builder while employed by Great Northern.

Babe met John Overlee, a North Dakota farmer, when he was boarding with the Edwin and Minnie Hanson family in Seattle (originally from McGregor) while he was working in Seattle. Her sister, Zona, was married to their son, Oliver Hanson, John's friend. They were married on Nov. 27, 1951, in Seattle. Winters were spent in Seattle where John was employed by Boeing and summers in N.D. as John was engaged in farming. After Linda started school in 1961, they lived in McGregor year round. John passed away in April of 1976.

Babe was a member of Scandia Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid. She thoroughly enjoyed the newspapers and read every word in the Minot Daily and Tioga Tribune. She loved to work the daily crossword puzzles in the paper. She lived in her home in McGregor until 2011, when she moved to assisted living at the View in Minot. On May 20th, she moved to Long Term Care in Tioga.

Babe is survived by her son, Steven, McGregor; daughters, Linda (Randy) Myhra, Hazen; Lisa Overlee (fiancé Mark Vergal) Breckenridge, MN; grandchildren, Jennifer (Phil) Wallender, Hazen; John (Kelly) Myhra and Mark Myhra, Bismarck; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Garret and Presley Wallender; sister-in-law, Arlene Overlee, Minot; brother-in-law, Calmer Overlee, Minot; nieces and nephews, Jim Hanson, Judy Hanson, Dennis Hanson, Dennis Dean, Diane Olson, Deb Johansen, Marla Rose, Patrick Dean, Bryan Dean, Jeff Dean, and Sandra Anderson and their families. She is also survived by many special friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; sister, Zona Hanson; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carl and Thora Overlee; sisters-in law, Thelma Anderson and Tillie Overlee; brothers-in-law, Oliver Hanson, Marvin Dean, Bud Anderson and Norman Overlee.



*A
mother's love
gives us
our first glimpse
of heaven.*



*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7

In Memory Of
Babe Overlee

Date And Place Of Birth

November 29, 1924
Seattle, Washington

Date And Place of Death

May 29, 2013
Tioga, North Dakota

Funeral Service

2:00 PM, Monday, June 5, 2013
Zion Lutheran Church
McGregor, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastoral Assistant James Hamann

Music

Linda Dean ~ Accompanist
Country Sunshine ~ Special Music

Casketbearers

Dennis Dean, Patrick Dean, Bryan Dean,
Jeff Dean, John Myhra, Mark Myhra, Phil Wallender

Honorary Bearers

All of Babe's Family & Friends

Interment

Scandia Lutheran Cemetery
Rural Battleview, North Dakota

God saw you 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 you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard-working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



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