



## Gladys Koonce

August 13, 1932 - April 8, 2026

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Gladys Koonce, age 93, of Onamia, MN, passed away on April 8, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held from 11 AM – 3 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Onamia Vets Club - 38692 US HWY 169, Onamia, MN 56359.

Interment will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Brainerd, MN.

Arrangements are with the LeMieur Funeral Home in Onamia.

Gladys Koonce, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, was born on August 13, 1932, in Herman, Minnesota, to Leona (Douvia) and Basil Hatlestad. She was united in marriage on October 12, 1957. Gladys worked for American Can Company for 20 years and loved how busy she was during her workday. She enjoyed being with her family and friends at their lake home in Brainerd. She was an avid gardener and loved flowers. Gladys also enjoyed a good card game, playing dice games, and putting puzzles together. She loved spending time making quilts, crafting, and crocheting.

Gladys is survived by her children, Ron (Cindy) Koonce, Jean Bartlett, Jim Koonce and Tom Koonce; grandchildren, Robert (Katie) Bassett, Nick Koonce, Jill Koonce, Tristan Koonce and Jake Koonce; great-grandchildren, Caleb Murphy, Gavin Murphy, Ava Bassett, Julia Bassett and Taylor Bassett; She is also survived by her Sister-in-law and best friend, Linda Hatlestad.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Koonce; parents, Leona and Basil Hatlestad; brothers, Bud Hatlestad, Clifford Hatlestad; sisters, Elaine Loehr, Betty Gutzman; son-in-law, John Bartlett; her grandson, Michael

Bassett; and great-grandson, Elijah Blue Koonce.  
May you find peace in God's loving arms.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Onamia Vets Club  
38692 U.S. Highway 169  
Onamia, MN 56359  
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