



## Mary Gross

November 23, 1950 - June 12, 2026

Born on November 23, 1950, Mary Gross (Whitney) of Deerwood, MN, entered into the loving arms of her Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 12, 2026. She was surrounded by her loving family as she peacefully took her final breath.

Throughout her life, Mary faced many challenges and emerged stronger from each one. She will be deeply missed as the family's historian, whose remarkable memory for details was unmatched. Mary was the keeper of family stories, the gatherer of information, and the one who made sure everyone stayed connected and informed. Her siblings looked forward to her weekly phone calls and cherished the time spent catching up with her. No Christmas would be complete without Mary's famous prime rib, a family favorite that created many memories.

Mary was also a familiar and welcoming face at the Y-Club and Headquarters Lodge in Garrison, Minnesota, where she served food and drinks for many years. She enjoyed visiting with patrons and friends, and her warm smile and friendly presence made everyone feel at home.

Mary's greatest pride was being the mother of her only son, Loren Whitney. He remained by her side throughout her life, offering steadfast care, love, and support. His devotion allowed her to live independently and enjoy the comfort

and dignity of home until her passing.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Gross; her mother, Lucille, and father, Gustave; her sisters, Rose Larson and Mona Scarberry; and her nephew, Mikey Schroeder.

She is survived by her son, Loren Whitney, and his wife, Sarah (Garrison, MN); siblings Gloria (Ron) Bescheinen (Brainerd, MN), Dick (Patricia) Peterson (Kimball, MN), Audrey (John) Benson (St. Cloud, MN), Robert Peterson (Hawaii), and Ruth (Bill) Schroeder (St. Cloud, MN); her two grandsons, Dillon (Sarah) Whitney and Cody (Madeline) Whitney; three great-granddaughters, Brinley, Mallory, and Blakey; and many nieces, nephews, beloved family members, and friends.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date.

We will miss you, Mary. Your memory will be a treasure we hold closely to our hearts.