

Dolores “Dode” L. Lee joined her heavenly father on December 19, 2022, at Monument Health Care Sturgis. She was 98.

Dode was born May 16, 1924, in Rapid City, the first daughter of Alfred and Emma Behrens. She graduated from Rapid City High School in 1942. After graduation, Dode went to work for the Rapid City Journal where she met her husband, Robert H. Lee. They were married February 14, 1947.

In 1955, Dode and Bob moved to Pierre when Bob was appointed press secretary for Governor Joe Foss. In 1959 they moved to Sturgis where Bob and his partner, Morris Hallock, established the Sturgis Tribune/Black Hills Press and later the Tri-State Livestock News. Dode worked as a bookkeeper for all three publications until her retirement in 2004.

Dode was active in local and national politics, serving as president of the SD Republican Women in the early 1970’s. She was also active in other organizations such as the Minnelusa Pioneer Assn., Mt. Rushmore Memorial Society, Society of the Black Hills Pioneers, SD State Historical Society, Westerners International, and Crazy Horse Memorial. She actively promoted the arts by being a founding member of the Sturgis Area Arts Council and helping to establish History at High Noon meetings at the Sturgis Public Library.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Barbara (Dennis) Talich, and Christine Lee; one son, Mark (Jeanette) Lee; five grandchildren, Bradley (Dana) Talich, Sharon, Corey, and James (Jennifer) Talich, and Stephanie (Zach) Lahm; 11 great-grandchildren, Hannah, Noah, Avery, Nathaniel, Chase, Hunter, Alyson, Nicholas, Lucas, Jacob, and Genevieve.

Dode was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Lee; her parents; a sister, Beverly Miller; a brother, Alfred Behrens Jr.; and granddaughter, Sarah Lee.

Memorials have been established to the Sturgis Area Arts Council, the Sturgis Public Library and Grace Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

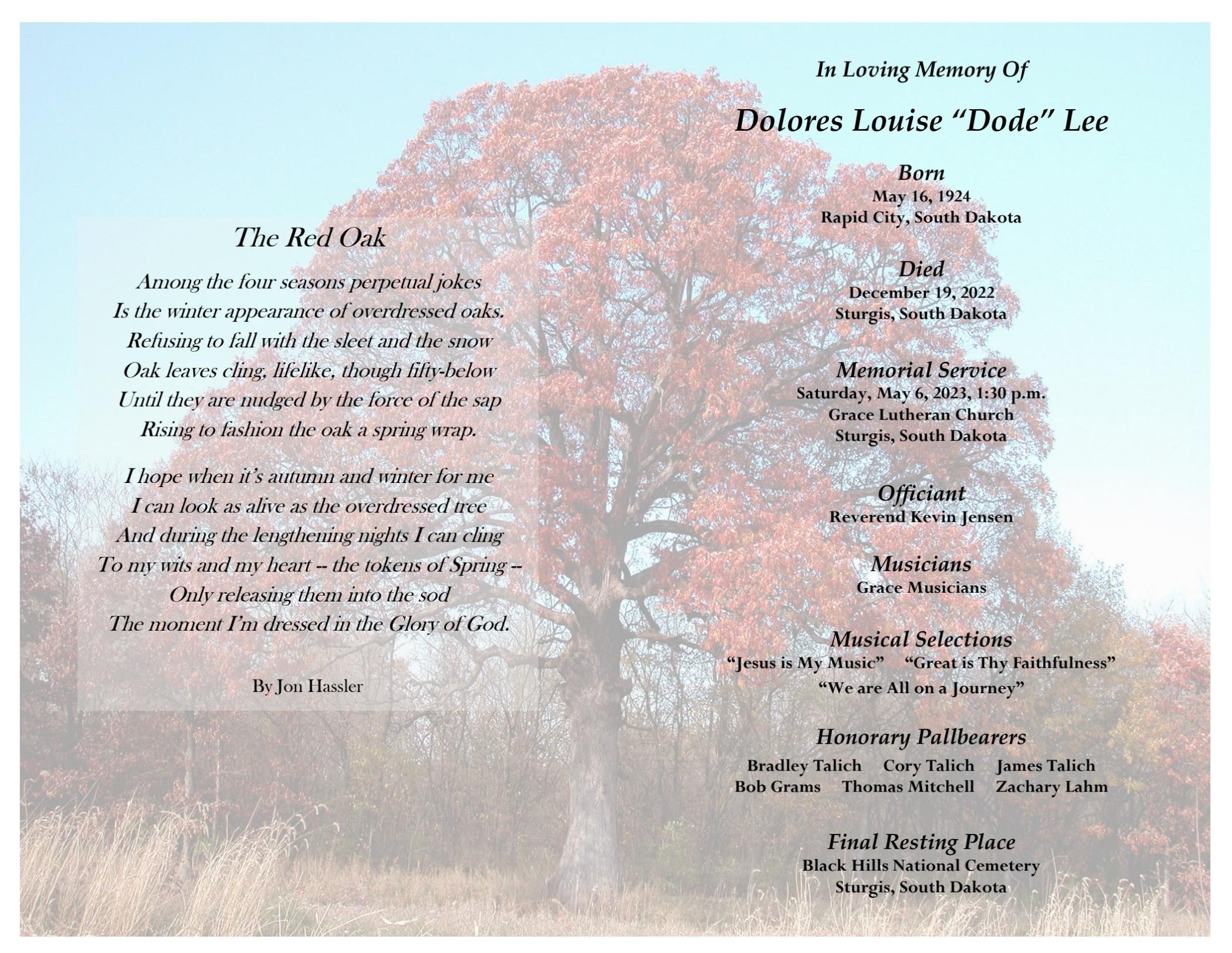
*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
downstairs in the Son Shine Room following the service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Dolores Louise “Dode” Lee

May 16, 1924 ~ December 19, 2022



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Born

May 16, 1924
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

December 19, 2022
Sturgis, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Reverend Kevin Jensen

Musicians

Grace Musicians

Musical Selections

“Jesus is My Music” “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
“We are All on a Journey”

Honorary Pallbearers

Bradley Talich Cory Talich James Talich
Bob Grams Thomas Mitchell Zachary Lahm

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The Red Oak

*Among the four seasons perpetual jokes
Is the winter appearance of overdressed oaks.
Refusing to fall with the sleet and the snow
Oak leaves cling, lifelike, though fifty-below
Until they are nudged by the force of the sap
Rising to fashion the oak a spring wrap.*

*I hope when it's autumn and winter for me
I can look as alive as the overdressed tree
And during the lengthening nights I can cling
To my wits and my heart -- the tokens of Spring --
Only releasing them into the sod
The moment I'm dressed in the Glory of God.*

By Jon Hassler