



## Helen Challey

March 14, 1919 - September 13, 2017

Helen Challey, 98, Fargo ND, formerly of Valley City ND, passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Eventide Fargo under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. Helen was born on March 14, 1919 in LaMoure ND, the only child of James and Elizabeth (Bryson) Frank. She attended school in LaMoure and graduated from the University of North Dakota. She taught high school in Roseau MN for two years.

Helen married Charles Challey in 1944. They lived in LaMoure prior to moving to Valley City in 1947. Together they raised four children, gardened under the Highline Bridge and built a cabin on Upper Cormorant Lake near Lake Park MN. Helen was smart, well-read and engaged. She was a whiz at crossword puzzles. During retirement Charles and Helen spent summers at the lake fishing, gardening and playing spirited games of bridge with family and their dear lake friends. Helen set another place at the table for anyone who happened to be around at mealtime.

Charles passed away in 2002. Helen moved to Evergreens Assisted Living in Fargo in 2003 and to Eventide Fargo in 2016. She will be remembered for her kind, generous, patient nature and a quiet sense of humor.

Helen is survived by three sons: James (Janet Gray), Poughkeepsie, NY; John (Mary), Fargo ND; David (Connie), Hankinson ND; and one daughter: Lucille (James) Wire, West Fargo ND; also five grandchildren: Darren (Michelle) Challey, Sammamish WA; Charles (Windy) Challey, El Sobrante CA; Elizabeth (Pat) Richard, Fenton MO; Thomas Challey, Fargo ND; Tarah (Dave) Larson, Wahpeton ND; and eight great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and her parents.

The family would like to thank the staff at Evergreens, Eventide and Hospice for their loving and compassionate care. In keeping with Helen's wishes that "nobody make a big fuss," family graveside services will be held at a later date. Memorials preferred to Hospice of the Red River Valley or the donor's choice.

Private graveside services will be held in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Arrangements are by the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery

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## Memory Gardens

Valley City, ND,

# Comments

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“ David and the rest of the Challey Family!

I know what it is like to lose a parent and I am sorry for your loss and I feel your pain. God Bless you and your family!

Greg and Patty Kuehl

**Greg Kuehl** - September 24, 2017 at 05:23 PM

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“ My condolences to Jim, John, David and Lucy. I am so glad Toni and I had the few minutes to visit with Helen a while back. I will always remember visiting your parents in Valley City by the river.

**Jane Byram** - September 19, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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“ I did not know Helen long, I did her hair in the evergreen nursing for some time, She was always pleasant and fun to talk to .we laughed about many silly things, I enjoyed her company. She was very proud of her family and enjoyed when you all got together.

my sympathy goes out to her family, God bless you all and may Helen have fun in heaven!

**judi roth** - September 19, 2017 at 10:58 AM

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“ Dear Lucy, Jim and the rest of the family, Oh my, the memories flood back! What a gem she was putting up with all of us neighborhood girls. Her warm, welcoming home and the kitchen....I particularly remember her cooking a beef tongue and the mangle in the corner! Going to the garden with them and then with you around to the neighbors to share the produce. Her smile and even her voice. I loved her wavy hair, I think because mine wanted to do that instead of being the straight hair all my friends had! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gail and Dennis Pederson

**Gail Pederson** - September 19, 2017 at 10:51 AM

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“ Liz and Jana-Evergreens purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Helen Challey.



Liz and Jana-Evergreens - September 19, 2017 at 10:29 AM

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“ Dear Lucy and family:

So very sorry to read about your mom passing away. I look forward to "greeting her" in the Spring when we go to Memory Gardens to do the graves.

Please extend our deepest sympathies to your brothers and their families. Give Jim an extra hug from me and save one for yourself.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Michele (Neurauter) Green  
Hillsboro, ND



Michele Green - September 18, 2017 at 02:39 PM

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“ Helen's family,

My sympathy to all of Helen's family. My thoughts are with you all. I have many pleasant thoughts of the 4 years I lived with the family while attending VCSU. I have always appreciated their willingness to have a room in their home for me after having a bad experience with a student. I am thankful for the family giving me a pleasant experience and for their sacrifice. I remember "The Kids" being very friendly and courteous. I appreciated their sacrificing space that the family could have used For many years while living in St. Paul, I would keep in touch at Christmas. While my parents were still alive, I made a number of visits to their home to visit briefly. I have lost the connection during the last number of years.

Just a few memories: I worked at Drugan's until 10 pm while attending college and after walking home and arriving around 10:30 pm, I would often stop and visit them before heading to my room. A number of times I would watch The Tonight Show, Jack Parr, with Helen as most time Charles went to bed due to early hours of work. She and I enjoyed Jack Parr and his interesting and sometimes unusual guests. I also remember having good conversations with them and that Helen enjoyed reading and we would talk about what she was reading. I have many good memories.

I have lived in Moorhead the last 13 years and I wasn't aware where she lived after Charles death. I am sorry I didn't keep in contact with her as I could have visited her. I am retired and have been since moving to Moorhead.

My sympathy and love to you all and my best wishes.

Ken Lettenmaier

Ken Lettenmaier - September 16, 2017 at 11:57 PM

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“ John & Mary,  
So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was in your life for many years so you have many happy memories. You are in our thoughts.  
Marilyn (from Sanford)

Marilyn - September 15, 2017 at 11:37 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth (Challey) Richard - September 14, 2017 at 09:17 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



