



## Isabelle D. Pederson

November 7, 1924 - September 19, 2013

Isabelle Pederson, 88, Valley City, ND died Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Mercy Hospital, Valley City, surrounded by her family.

Isabelle Doris Bous was born November 7, 1924 at Long Prairie, MN, the eldest of seven children born to Gladys (Reinbold) and Joseph Bous. She grew up on the family farm, and graduated from Long Prairie High School in 1942. She graduated from Mercy Hospital (Valley City, ND) School of Nursing in 1948 as a Registered Nurse. She was united in marriage to Clayton Pederson November 17, 1951 in Valley City.

She worked at Mercy Hospital for several years as a supervisor and surgical nurse, and then devoted her time to raising their family, working side-by-side with Clayton on their dairy farm. In 1974, she returned to work at Sheyenne Care Center, retiring in 1987. Known for “running a tight ship”, she was admired by her co-workers and staff for her willingness to assist with any task. The patient was always first.

Isabelle was a 4-H Leader and very active in Marsh Homemakers Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. As a Mercy Hospital Alumni, she and Clayton treasured the longtime friendships of this close-knit group. She served on the Board of Directors of the Open Door Center for many years, and was instrumental in its growth in the community. She was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church and had a lovely singing voice.

She enjoyed baking, entertaining family and friends, sewing, doing cross-stitch, jigsaw and cross word puzzles, and reading. She was a great cook and made uncountable batches of K-bars and cookies. She enjoyed growing geraniums year round. She was a wonderful person, wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend, and will be greatly missed.

Isabelle is survived by her husband, Clayton; son, Dennis and Gail, Valley City; daughters Diane and Alvin Wald, Berlin, ND and Sam, Valley City; grandsons, Evan Pederson and fiancé Alexandra Wilson, Palmer, AK, Blaine and Katie Pederson, Belgrade, Mt, Marshall Pederson, Jesse Wald, Jason and Abby Wald, Dylan and Rachel Wald; great-granddaughter, Toni Wald; brother, Robert and Madella Bous; sisters, Leona Smith, Wilma Finseth, Ginny and Jim Arone, Jeanne Bous; sisters-in law, Jean Miller, Valley City, Earline Pederson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mildred and one brother, Harold Bous.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 5 – 7 pm at Oliver-Nathan Funeral

Chapel, Valley City.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 2 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City with Rev. Jolene Knudson-Hanse officiating. Isabelle will be interred at the Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, ND, at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery

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## North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 - 46th St.

Mandan, ND,

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Faith Lutheran Church

309 4th St NE, Valley City, ND, US

# Comments

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“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of your mother and grandmother. As my mother, Eva Pedersen, is not able to send a card I promised her that I would extend a greeting to the family. Growing up, I always thought it was interesting that there was another Diane Pederson, just one letter difference in the spelling! May your wonderful memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Our sympathy: Synove (Eva) Pedersen, Diane Pedersen Bjerke

**Diane Bjerke** - September 29, 2013 at 12:10 PM

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“ Aunt Isabelle was a faithful, hard-working, and kind person. She didn't just think about doing things – she did them. Anyone who knew Isabelle knew she could cook and bake. She made wonderful meals and delicious desserts, and always seemed to have something homemade whenever we stopped by her house. She was witty and well read, and I loved to just visit with her. I moved away from Valley City over 40 years ago, and I doubt there was ever a Christmas or birthday that I didn't get a card and a letter from her. She was thoughtful and had a way of making me feel important to her. Well done, good and faithful servant. Sue Pederson Phillips

**Sue Pederson Phillips** - September 26, 2013 at 10:57 AM

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“ Will really miss my 2nd Mom...I could write a book about growing up with the Pedersons. To this day I still think about how Aunt Isabelle used to let us totally turn her basement into whatever we wanted to. One Saturday it might be a hospital, the next a school or a store; as we got older it became our fish cleaning station or a place to shed all our wet snowy clothes from sledding. No matter what we did or when we were there, Isabelle always had great kool-aid, hot cocoa, and the best cookies and bars. God did a wonderful thing when he gave me my Aunt Isabelle!

**Pat Miller Rode** - September 26, 2013 at 07:44 AM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Isabelle D. Pederson.



September 25, 2013 at 11:08 AM

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“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Isabelle D. Pederson.



September 25, 2013 at 11:01 AM

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“ Clayton & family,

So surprised to read of Isabelle's death--my prayers and sympathy go out to you. She was a real "get it done" person. I enjoyed the times over the years when I briefly conversed with her. My mother, Doris Hoyer Potter, thought very highly of her. She will be missed very much.

Carol Winter Bjorge

**Carol Bjorge** - September 24, 2013 at 08:30 PM

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“ Such a faithful mom throughout the years -- great to have had known her during our years in NoDak. Love to all the family -- Rev. David and Constance, Kjrstin and Andrew Berg (Bakersfield, CA)

**Constance Berg** - September 24, 2013 at 08:10 PM

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“ To the family of Isabelle~  
I am very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with Isabelle when I cleaned. She was a lovely lady! Thinking of you all and wishing you comfort.

Jody J.

**jody johnson** - September 24, 2013 at 07:28 PM

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“ Clayton, Dennis, Diane, Sam and Family,  
I am saddened at the sudden loss of Isabelle. Although it has been a while since I've had opportunity to visit with her in person I have many fond memories of the times I stopped at the Pederson farm with her sister, Jeanne, as we motored through from Mpls. to my parents' farm in Garrison, back in the 1980s. Later, after I had moved back to Bismarck from Mpls., Isabelle and her sisters, on one of the traditional Bous Sisters Trips, drove to Bismarck to visit over a weekend and from there, we traveled up to my family farm in Garrison. I remember how much my Mom enjoyed that visit with all of the Bous sisters, but of course she and Isabelle, being the "farm ladies," had much in common to discuss. Over the past 30+ years Isabelle and I regularly exchanged cards at Christmas time to touch base and keep up on each other's lives. I so enjoyed her wit and sense of humor, and because she was such a well-read person we had many lively discussions on a variety of topics during those visits. She was a wonderfully warm and hospitable person and she will be missed by many.

Condolences,

Angela Uhlich

**Angela Uhlich** - September 24, 2013 at 09:24 AM



“ Thank you for sharing those fond memories, Angie. When Isabelle and I spoke in person or on the phone, she always included you in her inquiries about friends and family.

**Jeanne Bous** - September 24, 2013 at 11:09 AM



“ Thank you, Angie, for your kind words. Because of you, we always looked forward to Aunt Jeanne's visits as she'd travel to see you.

**Gail Pederson** - September 24, 2013 at 03:31 PM

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“ Dear Gail and Dennis, I never had the pleasure of meeting Isabelle. Her obituary nicely portrays her a lovely lady who must have lead as a good example to many others! So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Lori Jury

**Lori Jury** - September 23, 2013 at 05:17 PM

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“ Hi Everyone

Sorry to hear the lost of Isabelle She sure went fast Take care of yourself & your in my thought & Prayers Brenda

**Brenda** - September 22, 2013 at 04:20 PM

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“ To the family of Isabelle,

Our family extends our sympathy to your family. Isabelle was a very good friend to my mother, Genevieve Uhl. Their friendship started decades ago in Nurses Training in Valley City as they were roommates, classmates and shared a very important time of life not only together but with a larger group of nurses from that time. They kept in touch, shared their lives as they married and went on to have their own families. I was fortunate to meet not only Isabelle (but Clayton as well) at their nurses reunions and anniversaries. About five years ago we were in the area and stopped by the farm for coffee and an afternoon of hospitality and stories.

Isabelle kept mom posted on news throughout the years-sharing stories and pictures. My mom looked forward to Isabelle's letters and the cards brought her pleasure and memories she would share with us. Mom has been in a care center for a number of years and has memory issues but not from this time! Isabelle helped my mom remember she was remembered and although living in Minnesota, not far away in the heart.

Isabelle will continue to be an angel. She lived that role her whole life. That is how I and my mom will always remember her.

Blessings to you all,  
Kathy Grundei  
Medina, MN.

**Kathy Grundei** - September 21, 2013 at 04:31 PM



“ Thank you so much for the lovely words, Kathy. We will all miss her. She was a remarkable woman who helped many people.

**Jeanne Bous** - September 22, 2013 at 04:28 PM



“ Isabelle was my very favorite "in-law" aunt. She was positively the greatest cook in the county. We shared many hours together over a cup of coffee. She will be missed by so many,

**Mary Ann Miller** - September 23, 2013 at 08:54 PM