



## Mary Duncan

July 9, 1921 - April 27, 2012

Mary Ellen (Zaun) Duncan departed this earthly realm on April 27, 2012. Our beloved mother passed away in the presence of her family and Hospice of the Red River Valley at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City, ND.

Mary was born in Tujunga, CA on July 9, 1921. She joined the WAAC at the start of WWII, and when the WAAC was disbanded and changed to the WAC, she left the service.

On April 23, 1944, she married Fred Zaun in Valley City, ND. They lived on the family farm close to Valley City. They were married for 22 years and had four children they raised on the dairy farm they owned eight miles from Valley City.

Mary cooked at several cafes in Valley City over the years, including, the Hi-Line Café, American Café, and Crawford's Corner. She married on August 2, 1970 to Harvey Duncan. They owned and operated the Depot Café. Harvey passed away in July 1997.

Mary lived with her daughter and cats in Valley City until moving into the Sheyenne Care Center due to health reasons.

Our mother was extremely caring and loving, and loved having her family come to visit. She loved doing needlepoint, baking, and just taking care of us all. One of our close family friends told us Mary had never said an unkind word about anyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice and Corael; brothers, Henry and Donald; sisters, Betty, Caroline and Ruth; husband, Harvey Duncan; and granddaughter, Paula Erdmann.

She is survived by her daughters, Janiece Williams of Valley City and Sue Ann (Jerry) Erdmann of McIntosh, MN; sons, Charles Zaun and Lesley (Kathleen) Zaun both of Valley City; granddaughters, Lenora Stoner, Jean Marie MaGee, Tara (Tom) Glandt, Jennifer Bennett-Zaun, Madeline Bennett-Zaun; great grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Kendra Walker, Casey Stoner, and Kinslee Glandt.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ To Janiece, Chuck, Sue Ann and Leslie, Your Mom was a wonderful friend and neighbor to the Dahl girls as we grew up at Hobart #64 school. I remember how often we went to your house after school hours when my parents were still working. I learned to ride a bike on that gravel road that went by the farm and still have scars to show for it. Your Mom made the best chocolate cookies with white frosting and I can taste them yet today. She was a very giving woman and I am sure she will be missed. My sympathy to all the family. Alice Dahl Kostoff###imported-begin##Alice Dahl Kostoff###imported-end##

May 05, 2012 at 11:24 AM



“ May she be at peace and out of pain with our Lord. My prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##CarolJ Artis###imported-end##

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“ Mary was a loving aunt whom I grew to love and appreciate more each time I saw her. I remember visiting the family farm and playing with my cousins while there. I remember all the cows, barns and milking machines. I also remember visiting Mary and Jan at their home in Valley City in later years. Whenever I traveled to Valley City I always made it a point to stop by for a visit. My sympathies to Chuck, Jan, Sue Ann and Leslie and to her grandchildren and great grand children. May you find comfort in your fond memories. With love, Carol Cummings Hintz, (Niece in Oregon)###imported-begin##Carol Hintz###imported-end##

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“ Condolences on Aunt Mary's passing from an Oregon niece. The entire family is loved. May God give you peace and rest. Lovingly, Sharon and family###imported-begin##Sharon Cummings Parks###imported-end##

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“ Sue, Jerry, Tara and family.

*My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time with the loss of your mother/grandmother. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of her. Rae Ann Osland*

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April 30, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ My Sympathy for the family in the loss of your mother.

*Roma Proctor (Boots)*

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April 29, 2012 at 07:46 AM