



Ann Marie Kjelland

November 17, 1917 - March 7, 2014

Ann Kjelland, 96, Valley City, ND passed away at her home on March 7, 2014 under the care of her family and Hospice of the Red River Valley. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM, Monday, March 10, 2014 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Valley City. Burial will be in Memory Gardens later in the spring.

Visitation will be held on Sunday at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM, with a prayer service beginning at 7:00.

Ann Marie Vitelli was born November 17, 1917 in St. Paul, MN to Jim and Carmen (Sporga) Vitelli. Ann grew up and attended school in St. Paul.

On October 16, 1954, she married Bernhard Kjelland. They made their home in rural Barnes County, ND where they farmed together for many years.

She was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Valley City and was active in Green Homemakers, 4H, and PTA. Ann was an avid bowler. Her greatest joy was family, especially being able to watch her beloved grandchildren grow up. She also enjoyed having a cup of coffee and a good visit with friends.

Ann is survived by her children, Patricia (David) Adam of Samammish, WA, Gregory Kjelland of Valley City, and Catherine (Joel) Bladow of Ft. Collins, CO; grandchildren, Brett (Adrienne) Adam, Brian Adam, Brandon Adam, Emily Kjelland, Eric Kjelland, Aaron (Megan) Kjelland, Kyle Kjelland, Maya Kjelland, Taylor Bladow, Dominique Bladow, and Mikayla Bladow; sister, Rose (Bob) Clausen; brother-in-law, Elton Kjelland; sister-in-law, Edna (Beta) Johnson;

and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernhard; parents; brothers, Nick, Vick, Tony, Johnny, & Jim; sisters, Peirine Moy and Virginia Edmondson. Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements. An online guestbook is available for Ann at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Catherine Catholic Church
540 3rd Ave. NE
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Patty, Greg, Kathy and family,
Our many thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. We have so many good memories of Ann throughout the years. Wish we could have been there for the service. Our hearts are with you. In Sympathy, Marge Welken, David & Mary, Cyndy & Kim, Jeane & Ron and Kathy.*

marge welken - March 10, 2014 at 08:25 PM

DK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you this day.*

Dwight and Robbin Kiefert

dwight kiefert - March 10, 2014 at 01:38 PM

LK

“ *Ann was a fabulous 4H Leader and friend to mom. She showed me the hummingbirds at the flowers at the end of the driveway. Had no idea what a hummingbird looked like until then! Thank you for being our best and most favorite babysitters and enjoy the good thoughts about Ann. I like to think she's having a cup of coffee and catching up with everyone that she is seeing again.*

LeAnn Hovel Kerzman - March 09, 2014 at 06:36 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl & Chuck Merry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ann Marie Kjelland.*



Cheryl & Chuck Merry - March 09, 2014 at 03:10 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family. She must have been a great lady. My Grandma was named Annie Kjelland (Helling) and was raised in Sanborn by Ingeborg Kjelland. She would have been 106 this year. I would like to learn if there is a connection.*

Jim Clemenson - March 09, 2014 at 07:52 AM

IB

*Jim, could you contact me about your grandmother ?
My mailadress is: ibjoerna@frisurf.no
Best regards Inger Bjørnaas, Rennebu, Norway*

Inger Bjørnaas - March 17, 2014 at 03:38 PM

JN

“ *So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed seeing Ann in the office, and reminiscing about her life in St Paul. I'm pretty sure she and my mother were in parochial school together in St Paul. Her smile is radiating now. God Bless J Dennis Nelson*

J Dennis Nelson - March 08, 2014 at 08:10 PM

SS

“ *To my cousins, I am sorry for your loss. There are so many amazing memories So many summers.. Looking back, so much that brings a smile on my face. She DID teach me to NEVER say I was bored when I spent time at your house! There was always laundry or dishes! I remember how your mom always made fried chicken in the electric skillet out back on Sundays. I think all the nephews and nieces got a chance to drive the pickup on the back roads. Our moms were always there. The backbone, keeping the home running. I am grateful to have come from a line of such strong women. I can only imagine Nana cooking her amazing spaghetti sauce and homemade bread for a feast to welcome your mom! Love you always! Rina*

Sabrina Stoven - March 08, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Ann Marie Kjelland.*



March 08, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ *sorry for the loss of a great person she will be missed*

jeremiah komrosky - March 08, 2014 at 06:39 AM



“ *I will always remember our good times Bowling in Sanborn!! When I would see her at Robys she always had a good Smile for me and we would talk alot*



Arlene Nelson - March 08, 2014 at 12:14 AM



“ *I can't express my feelings very well, but I do know Ann was probably the nicest, friendliest woman in Green Township. I know we all have to go at some time, but I thought she'd be around a lot longer. She always seemed to never age. To her family I would say how sorry I am. She left many fabulous memories, I know!!!! Ardis*

Ardis Martin - March 07, 2014 at 05:17 PM