



## Ardell Skogen

March 4, 1924 - May 31, 2016

Ardell Skogen, 92, of Valley City, ND passed away peacefully May 31, 2016 at Sheyenne Care Center, Valley City.

Ardell was born March 04, 1924 in Minneapolis to Raymond and Olga (Johnson) Lassey. She attended high school in Watford City, ND, graduating in 1942. Ardell received her teaching certificate and taught 2 years at a rural school. She married Melvin Skogen on January 13, 1945 in Williston, ND, after which they moved to the farm near Valley City that he and his father had purchased the previous fall. It is on this farm that they raised their three children and lived until they moved to Valley City in 1974. In the 1960's Ardell and Melvin established and operated a successful insurance agency along with their farming operation. She worked for the Barnes County ASCS office from 1965 to 1985. She had served on the Sheyenne Care Center board, was a charter member of the Town & Country Homemakers Club, and a member of The Garden Club, BPW and NARFE organizations. Ardell was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, where she was active in her church and also co-chaired the annual bake sale.

She enjoyed gardening and her flowers. Ardell was passionate about her family and loved them very much.

She is survived by one daughter, Carol (Jerry) Meyers, Erie, ND; two sons, Luther (Linda) Skogen, Valley City, and Allan (Janelle) Skogen, Bozeman, MT; seven grandchildren, Leigh Meyers (Dan Bernhardson), Fargo, ND, Sara (Jeremy) Anderson, Alexandria, MN, Leslie (Chad) Johnson, Burnsville, MN,

Jill (Jesse) Chase, Bozeman, Michael (Tiffany) Skogen, Bozeman, Katherine (Kevin) O'Reilly, Missoula, MT and Heather Skogen, Bismarck, ND; eighteen great grandchildren and a niece Debbie Mustain, Yuma, AZ.

Ardell was preceded in death by her parents; husband Melvin; two grandchildren, Chad Allen Meyers, Matthew David Skogen; and a brother, Merton Lassey.

The funeral service will be 10:30 am Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, with burial following at Memory Gardens, Valley City. Visitation will be Friday 4-5:30 pm at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City.

Memorials may be directed to Our Savior's Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An Online guestbook for Ardell is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072  
(701) 845-2414  
o-nchapel@bektel.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *To the Skogen Family,*

*It was a privilege to spend time with Ardell while I served as a long distance caregiver to my mother, Sally L. Hanson. Ardell was definitely an Encourager and one of God's Christ-bond Servants placed in my path. Her kindness and wisdom will never be forgotten. She was able to share many of her memories of times spent with my mother while they were members of the local chapter of Business & Professional Women. She had the ability to make a person feel that they were the most treasured friend and used the time spent together by offering her genuine perspective of current events. I will always remember her desire to show me her beautiful garden of flowers at her home. Ardell blessed me in so many ways and I will truly miss not being able to visit with her when I re-visit Valley City. God has fulfilled his promise to bring her to His Heavenly Home.*

*Shelley Williamson  
Commerce, GA*

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**Shelley Williamson** - June 17, 2016 at 09:50 PM

NL

“ *Ardell was a treasured friend and employer of my mother, Hilda Bohrer. Ardell treated my mother with kindness and respect and my mother's admiration for her never waivered.*

*Their friendship endured for decades. Thanks to you, her family, for sharing this wonderful lady with our family. Nancy Lindsey,  
Minneapolis*

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**Nancy Lindsey** - June 03, 2016 at 11:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardell Skogen.* ”



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June 03, 2016 at 10:21 PM

AB

“ *The Blume and Skogen families formed a friendship in the early 1950s that has lasted more than 62 years, and it has seen our parents through good and bad times. Ardell's legacy will be found in many places; obviously with her family and descendants, and in the good that she brought to Valley City and its surroundings. But it will also be one that reached into the Blume family and colored our own futures and will echo in our own histories. I remember your mother as sparkling, bright-eyed, and fierce when she knew she was doing the right thing.*

*I had dinner with her and Allan in, I think, the Senate refectory when they came back to Washington, DC in the 90s to lobby Kent Conrad, Byron Dorgan, and Earl Pomeroy. It was about that time the movie "Fargo" had come out, and despite the ag business to be done, most of our lunch was filled with Ardell's acid disgust at the movie and the false impression it made about people of North Dakota.*

*Your mother and dad were staunch friends with my mother and dad, and for what seemed at least a short while, a friendship of the only four living Democrats in Barnes County! Your mother will be missed, but she will remain in my heart as one of the proudest and toughest women I've ever known.*

*With love,*

*Allen and Babs*

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**Allen D. Blume** - June 03, 2016 at 09:44 PM



Cynthia  
Roorda

“ *My deepest sympathy to your families. Ardell was a wonderful friend to my Mom, they shared many fun times together. I will always remember what a sweet spirit she had and how kind she was to everyone. I'm sorry I will not be able to attend her funeral, but will be thinking of your families at this difficult and sad time. May God bless Ardell's memory!*

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**Cynthia Roorda** - June 03, 2016 at 07:43 PM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Really enjoyed her smile and short visits when I would stop up to see my mom. She was a very kind lady. May God bless her memory.*

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**Diane Sommerfeld** - June 03, 2016 at 12:43 PM

DO

“ *Luther, Carol, Allan and families, I just want to express my deepest sympathies. When I think of Ardell and Mel, it brings back many good memories. I often speak of the days when I worked and lived with your family. Ardell took care of me like I was one of her own and Mel taught me a work ethic that is with me to this day. They were also so good to my grandparents Henry and Anna Hanenberg. In the later years after Ardell had moved to Valley City I stopped to visit her a few times and talked about the old days and she always asked about my life and family. She was such a sweet lady with a personality to match. I know that this time will be hard for you all, but know you have support from family and friends. She will be missed.*  
*Dennis & Barb Orner*



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**Dennis Orner** - June 02, 2016 at 10:09 PM

LW

“ Allan, Carol, Luther and families: I was saddened to learn of Ardell's passing. Thinking of her and Melvin brings back so many fond memories. They were such a help to our parents, Bob and Joy Brock, in their early years of marriage. Dad always referred to Ardell as "a good ole girl". She was such a good friend to Mom, offering advice and a listening ear. Ardell was a strong, intelligent woman, actively involved in the family's business. I admired her. My sincere sympathy to all of you. Linda Brock Weaver, Phoenix, Arizona

Linda Weaver - June 02, 2016 at 05:07 PM

DM

“ Sorry to read about your loss. We send our sincere sympathy to all of the families.

David L Madsen - June 02, 2016 at 01:35 PM

LR

“ Sincere condolences to the Skogen family. I remember my mom, Sally Hanson, talking of her often and of their involvement in BPW. Truly a dedicated wife, mother and friend to many.

Lori Hanson Ritchey - June 01, 2016 at 08:45 PM



“ Garden To Go Basket was purchased for the family of Ardell Skogen.



June 01, 2016 at 02:49 PM