



## Audrey Lee Gaukler

November 30, 1940 - May 9, 2024

Audrey's Celebration of Life Service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/954101712>

Audrey Lee Gaukler, age 83, of Valley City, North Dakota, passed away at home on May 9, 2024 with her family by her side. Audrey was born on November 30, 1940 in Milnor, North Dakota to Lee Arthur and Clara Amelia ("Millie") Dohman.

Audrey graduated from Valley City State College in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught school and tutored in North Dakota and Minnesota. She remained an avid reader her entire lifetime.

Audrey was dedicated to her family - a model of quiet strength and unending kindness. She loved family gatherings - particularly at the lake and during holidays. She shared her love for cooking while making lasting memories. Audrey devoted her life to making a beautiful home for her family.

She enjoyed time with her many friends - on long walks, at dinner parties or coffee chats, playing bridge, golfing, boating at the lake, and enjoying St. Maarten beaches. She was steadfast in her support of community and was involved with many local organizations, including the Mercy Hospital board, and the Wellness Center and V-500 at VCSU.

Audrey is survived by her husband of 53 years, George Anton Gaukler; children, Michael (Kristin) Smith, Tracy (Jeff Eyres) Smith, and Geoffrey (Monte) Gaukler; grandchildren, Connor, Mara, Karin, Nina, Patrick, Keegan, Dawson, Madison, Megan, and Reagan; great-grandchildren, Nora, Lennon, Quinn, and Sawyer; and siblings, Lewis Dohman and Beverly Rasmussen. Audrey is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, James Patrick Smith; and her brother, Lyle Dohman.

Her family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation for the care provided by Kaley Machart. Memorials may be directed to Mayo Clinic's Drive to Cure Cancer ([MayoClinic.org/withoutwalls](https://www.mayoclinic.org/withoutwalls)).

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 24th at the Larry J. Robinson Center for the Arts, 306 Viking Dr., Valley City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life Service

MAY 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

Larry J. Robinson Center for the Arts  
306 Viking Dr.  
Valley City, ND 58072

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ George,  
Sorry to hear of your loss. My memories of Audrey are that she was a fine person  
and she made you a fine couple. Best wishes.  
Patrick Hardy

Patrick Hardy - July 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM

KS

“ George, I was so sorry to hear about Audrey passing away.  
I know that you and Audrey were good friends with my  
parents.  
53 years of marriage is amazing.  
I will say a prayer for you and your family as you go through  
the days, weeks, months and years ahead of you.  
Kurt Stenson



Kurt Stenson - June 14, 2024 at 10:55 PM

NI

“ I got to know Audrey when she worked out at Curves. She loved to talk about her  
children and grandchildren. Her eyes would sparkle, along with a smile as she  
shared stories. She was always kind, supportive, caring and encouraging. She  
was a gem. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Matt & Nicole Powers

Nicole - May 24, 2024 at 03:35 PM

LF

“ Love, the Jim Haley Family purchased the Serene Retreat for  
the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



Love, the Jim Haley Family - May 24, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee  
Gaukler.



May 23, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.*



May 23, 2024 at 01:28 AM

PM

“ *Paul, Beth, Christopher, Emily and Myra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.*

**Paul, Beth, Christopher, Emily and Myra** - May 23, 2024 at 01:28 AM

DI

“ *Audrey was one of the kindest, dearest person we have ever met. She was a treasure to all who knew her. Richard is 95 and I am 83. Both of us struggling with the aging process so have not kept in touch. Our sympathy and love to George and all of Audrey's family and friends. Our love, Richard and Diane ista*

**Diane Ista** - May 22, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.*



May 22, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.*



May 22, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



May 22, 2024 at 03:34 PM

RF

“ Rivera-Vazquez Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Rivera-Vazquez Family - May 22, 2024 at 03:34 PM

TG

“ My sympathy. She was a special lady.

Tom Goven - May 22, 2024 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ The Adams Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



The Adams Family - May 22, 2024 at 03:46 AM

TF

“ The Adams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

The Adams Family - May 22, 2024 at 03:46 AM

DD

“ So sorry for you George and your family for the loss of Audrey. May God comfort you all.

Dale and colleen duerr - May 21, 2024 at 07:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



May 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

ES

“ Eagle Creek Software Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Eagle Creek Software Services - May 21, 2024 at 02:35 PM

DG

“ George, so sorry for the loss of your wife.  
Dennis Garad, Sun City West, AZ

Dennis Garad - May 19, 2024 at 01:55 PM

LF

“ Love, the Rustad family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



Love, the Rustad family - May 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM

UM

“ Ultima Bank Minnesota purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



Ultima Bank Minnesota - May 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM

UM

“ Ultima Bank Minnesota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Ultima Bank Minnesota - May 17, 2024 at 11:25 AM

FL

“ Fremstad Law purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



Fremstad Law - May 15, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



May 15, 2024 at 11:26 AM

SS

“ Sara Goffe Schafer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Sara Goffe Schafer - May 15, 2024 at 11:26 AM

BJ

“ George and family, I am so sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. I remember her as a kind soul and very savvy woman. May your fondest memories of your life with Audrey support you now and in the days ahead.

Bill Jahn - May 15, 2024 at 11:10 AM

LE

“ So sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. She was our kindergarten teacher in Delamere and lived next door in Milnor for a brief time with Millie and Lee. Millie and Lee were the best neighbors and Audrey was a gracious, kind lady. Sympathies from the Edison family.

Lisa Edison-Smith - May 15, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



May 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM

SM

“ Scott and Christine at Baker McKenzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Scott and Christine at Baker McKenzie - May 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Audrey Lee Gaukler.



May 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BE

“ Best Buy Finance Executives planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Lee Gaukler.

Best Buy Finance Executives - May 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss George. We lost Judy last fall and now Audrey. May God comfort you on the coming months.

Loren Koppelman

Loren Koppelman - May 13, 2024 at 06:51 PM

GG

“ She was a lovely person to visit with. I enjoyed her at PEO for many years and on the Mercy hospital board, and just being a good friend and neighbor. She will be missed. With sympathy, Gigi Goven, MD.

Gigi Goven - May 13, 2024 at 02:35 PM

TD

“ So very sorry for the loss of Audrey. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Tracey (Flatlie) & Ron Dahl - May 13, 2024 at 12:54 PM

EH

“ I remember Audrey as a very gracious customer when she came into Hanson's Jewelry here in Valley City. She was very thankful to my late husband, Charles, and myself for the help we gave her whenever she came into our store. My sympathy to Audrey's family. Estelle Hanson



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**estelle hanson** - May 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM