



## Audrey Corrine Lahlum

August 2, 1936 - November 6, 2024

Audrey's funeral service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/4716724>

The Lord called Audrey C. Lahlum home on November 6, 2024. Audrey Corrine was born on August 2, 1936, at the farm home near Voltaire, North Dakota, to Melvin and Ruth (nee Chilson) Holte. She was the youngest of six children. Audrey attended local schools and was part of the first graduating class at the new Bergen High School. After high school, Audrey attended one year at Minot State Teachers College, after which, she taught in a one-room McHenry County school. Audrey instructed grades 1-8 for one year and then attended North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU). She graduated in 1960 with a degree in Home Economics and served as the Wells County Extension Home Economist until she married Howard Lahlum in April of 1961. After their marriage, Audrey and Howard lived in Minnewaukan, North Dakota, Green Belt, Maryland, and Fargo before purchasing a farm near Marion in LaMoure County, North Dakota. Together they built and operated Green Acre Farms. Audrey enjoyed gardening, and she loved her many flowers on the farm.

Faith and 4-H were important parts of Audrey's life. Until its recent closure, Audrey was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church (Griswold, North Dakota), where she actively participated in WELCA, circle, Sunday School, and the long-held Trinity German Supper. As a girl, Audrey joined 4-H in

McHenry County and was selected as a delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC. She later became a 4-H club leader in Benson County, Cass County, and LaMoure County. Audrey served as president of the North Dakota 4-H Leaders Council.

Audrey also worked tirelessly promoting pork in North Dakota, as well as took on leadership responsibilities in the North Dakota Farm Bureau, as president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau Women's Board and on the board of directors for the North Dakota Farm Bureau. In 1997, Audrey became the fourth Farm & Ranch Guide Country Woman of the Year.

Audrey is survived by her husband of 63 years, as well as their children: Lori Ann, Mankato, Minnesota; Jeanette (Todd Sagmoe), Mint Hill, North Carolina; Kirsten, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Eric (Suzanne), rural Marion. Grandchildren are Jacob Sagmoe, Charlotte, North Carolina; Ben Sagmoe, New York City; Gregory (Lindsey) Lahlum, Marion; Eva (Blase) Kerekes, Phoenix; Zachary, Mandan; Alexander, Bismarck; Leo, Marion; and Marcus, Marion. Additional survivors include five great-grandchildren (Lucy, Mason, Paisley, Briella, and Charlotte), her sister, Lois Holte Irwin, and her sisters-in-law Arlene Flatlie, Bonnie Lahlum, and Marilyn Lahlum (Mel Olstad), as well as many nieces and nephews. Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, sisters (DeLores Ust and Marjorie Larson), and brothers (Harold and Richard). Audrey died on November 6, 2024, at SMP Health—St. Raphael in Valley City, North Dakota. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 11, at the Marion Lutheran Church in Marion, North Dakota.

Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. on Sunday (November 10) at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel in Valley City with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the North Dakota 4-H Foundation, the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity (Griswold) Lutheran Cemetery

10579 58th St. SE  
Litchville, ND 58461

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

NOV 10. 7:00 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

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NOV 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Marion Lutheran Church  
99 Maine Avenue  
Marion , ND 58466

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - November 09, 2024 at 05:16 PM

DO

“ *Sincere condolences to Audrey's family. The Prayer Service and message was just right for Audrey. She has been a busy lady all her life. I am so very thankful for the persons who spoke and told stories. Howard's story from the Minnewaukan time was so like her. Thank you Lori for the Jeanne hug... that was nice of you to remember your own 4-H years. Some of the outfits Audrey made were on display at Bridgeview ... we discussed them and then she said the hardest part of sewing was making bound buttonholes and laughed at the thought.... they looked perfect to me. There were special memories shared ... they will be an important link to remembering Audrey in the days to come. Blessings to all !*

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**Durward and Phyllis Otterness** - November 13, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DB

“ *Expressing our condolences to Eric, Suzanne, and the entire Lahlum family. Blessings on your mother, and to all that loved her.*

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**David and Tracy Boehm** - November 13, 2024 at 08:52 AM

CH

“ *Liebe Familie Lahlum mein aufrichtiges und tiefes Mitgefühl und Beileid zum Tod von Audrey. Ich wünsche euch viel Kraft und gute Gedanken für eure Trauer und euer Gedenken. Ganz herzliche Grüße aus München Deutschland von Christina*



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**Christina Heinze** - November 13, 2024 at 01:36 AM

HG

“ *Liebe Lori Liebe Trauerfamilie  
Viele viele Jahre sind vergangen und ich habe viele tolle Erinnerungen an Euch Alle.  
Es ist schwer eine Mutter gehen zu lassen, aber ich bin überzeugt, dass es ein Jenseits gibt, wo sich alle wieder treffen und gut miteinander sind.  
Gebt Euch Zeit immer wieder über Eure Mutter Audrey zu sprechen, Erinnerung zu teilen, so wird Sie immer bei Euch sein.  
Ich wünsche ganz viel Zeit für einander  
Ich wünsche ganz viel Zeit für Erinnerung  
Ich wünsche ganz viel Zeit für Trauer  
Ich wünsche ganz viel Kraft  
Herzliche Grüsse aus der Schweiz  
Heidi Grenacher-Schmid  
+41 79 456 23 42 or +41 62 871 14 26*

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**Heidi Grenacher** - November 11, 2024 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family of Audrey. You are in our thoughts and prayers. It was a privilege to have known her throughout these many years .  
Wayne and Elaine Hankel*

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**Wayne and Elaine Hankel** - November 10, 2024 at 11:15 PM

SD

“ *Sheryl And Virgil Dagman lit a candle in memory of Audrey Corrine Lahlum*



Sheryl and Virgil Dagman - November 09, 2024 at 02:24 PM

SD

*Our deepest condolences to Audrey Lahlum family, friends, neighbors and the community. We had the joy of experiencing Audrey and her wonderful enthusiasm for 4-H, Crop Judging and Farm Bureau and any community effort Audrey had a part in achieving. One of the things I remember particularly is the presentation Audrey gave on the simple topic of the Apron. It was wonderful and hopefully is written in the memory books of Audrey. We all are better for knowing Audrey! God Bless her memory!*

*Virgil and Sheryl Dagman and family*

Sheryl and Virgil Dagman - November 09, 2024 at 02:32 PM

MA

“ *1 file added to the album Audrey Lahlum*



Margarethe Andersen - November 08, 2024 at 12:05 PM

HA

“ *Audrey was A .giving and community connected person.got to know her through 4h and pork board. A wonderful women praying for your family*

harvey abraham - November 08, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.



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November 08, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.



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November 07, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.

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November 07, 2024 at 11:42 PM

MA

“ Audrey was a good 4-H leader who taught me sewing, cooking, and baking. She also taught me very useful skills for college and my career in planning and preparing for meetings, speaking at meetings, conducting meetings, keeping records, and writing reports.

*I enjoyed visiting Audrey when I was in NoDak. I picture her friendly smile and cheerful voice. I can smell and taste the delicious cookies and sweets that she made. I see everything for making lefse on the counter. I see her at the Farmer's Market with loads of produce from her garden. I picture her always moving around and keeping busy. In memory of Audrey who impacted so many lives making the world a better place. Margarethe Andersen*

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**Margarethe Andersen** - November 07, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.



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November 07, 2024 at 04:58 PM



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November 07, 2024 at 04:13 PM



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“ Howard, Lori, Jeanette, Kirsten & Eric - May the memories of your wife & mom be with you always. Audrey was an inspirational woman to many and will be greatly missed. Audrey and my mom had many Red Hat gatherings together and those two always enjoyed a good time. We are all blessed to have had her here with us. Janelle & Blake Evert

Janelle Evert - November 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to Audrey's family. Though it has been many years since I've been to the Green Acre farm, I have fond memories of reunions in rural Marion. Audrey was always fun to visit with at family gatherings. In recent years, when we would see one another, she always asked how my running was going and when my next big race would be. May the memories of her remain close to your heart and help heal the pain of your loss.

Becky (Ust) Elliott - November 07, 2024 at 02:44 PM



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

Ron & Tracey Dahl - November 07, 2024 at 12:34 PM

DJ

“ *Doug And LaRae Jorgenson lit a candle in memory of Audrey Corrine Lahlum*



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**Doug and LaRae Jorgenson** - November 07, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.*



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November 06, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Audrey Corrine Lahlum.*

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