



Avis Joan Nelson

October 21, 1931 - August 3, 2021

Avis Joan Nelson, 89, of Valley City, ND formerly Litchville, ND passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in CHI Mercy Hospital, Valley City surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 5 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. The funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 7, 2021 at First Lutheran Church, Litchville. Inurnment will be at Northland Cemetery, Kathryn, ND.

Avis Joan Severson was born on October 21, 1931 in rural Fort Ransom, ND. She was the youngest daughter of Gust and Marie (Sunne) Severson joining her sister Helen. Avis attended a rural school until her family moved to Fort Ransom where she graduated from high school in 1949. While in high school, she worked at Larson's Grocery Store, Carblom's Café and babysat.

In 1950, she married James T. Nelson. They farmed in the Kathryn, ND area before moving to Seattle, WA in 1962, with their five children. In 1965, they returned to North Dakota settling in Litchville, ND. While in Litchville, Avis worked at local cafes and The Tasty Treat and washed dishes at the school.

Avis was an active member of the First Lutheran Church, Litchville. She enjoyed quilting, Ladies Aid, circle, serving on the Litchville Museum board

and the Northland Cemetery board.

Jim and Avis attended many basketball games in Litchville and later Marion and Sanborn where their granddaughters played.

In retirement, Avis enjoyed going to auctions, playing cards with good friends, coffee with the local ladies and trips to the lakes and Wisconsin with family. She was always in charge of the yearly family picnic.

Avis is survived by her five children, Margie Nelson, Rebecca (Thomas) Baertsch, Gerald (Katherine) Nelson, Russell Nelson and Andrew (Tracy) Nelson and eight grandchildren. She was greatly blessed with five great grandchildren. Avis is also survived by her sister, Helen (Vernon) Huseby; longtime friend Donna Peterson and many Rudolf Square friends.

Avis is preceded in death by her parents, husband James, sister-in-law Audrey Sorby and brother-in-law Curtis Sorby.

Memorials may be directed to the Northland Cemetery, Kathryn, ND. The family would like to extend a special thank you the staff at CHI Mercy Hospital.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. An online guestbook is available at olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Northland Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 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

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
506 5th St.
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Know that we are thinking of you. Steve and DebTompkins*

Debra Tompkins - August 06, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Avis Joan Nelson.*



August 05, 2021 at 03:09 PM

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“ *Your mom was such a loving person. She always went out of her way to make you feel cared for. Sorry for your loss.*

Kelly olson - August 05, 2021 at 09:53 AM

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“ *So very sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was such a sweet lady with a smile always on her face, warm and friendly. May your memories give you some peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

Love and prayers. (and hugs)

Vicky Justesen Hlubek

vicky justesen hlubek - August 04, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Avis Joan Nelson.*



August 04, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *We remember Avis Nelson, as we lived in Litchville from 1969 til 1976, when we moved to Lisbon, ND. Her sister Helen was my teacher for 1 yr. at rural Green School, and when she married Vernon Huseby, my family lived 1 mile from them.*

Darrell & Judy Maasjo - August 04, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *As a great friend with Andy and Russell, Avis was one of the special Moms in town! Always so kind and positive to us kids!*

Wynn Olson - August 04, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Avis Joan Nelson.*



August 03, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss of Aunt Avis! We have lots of good memories! RIP Aunt Avis, you will be so missed!!*

Scott and Connie Sorby - August 03, 2021 at 03:00 PM