



## Bonnie Maxine Burchill

May 25, 1937 - July 15, 2025

Bonnie's funeral service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/5267525>

Bonnie Maxine (Strathe) Burchill peacefully left this world on July 15, 2025, at her home at The Legacy Place, with Bob and her children by her side. She was 88. The family feels peace knowing she is celebrating in Heaven with family and friends who have gone before her.

A funeral service will be held at 2 pm, Wednesday, July 23 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church.

Bonnie, the daughter of Marian and Bernhard Strathe, was born on May 25, 1937 in Flaxton, ND and lived in Colgate, ND until she graduated from high school there. She was the oldest of four children. As a child she was equally comfortable helping her mom in the kitchen or her daddy on the farm. She married Robert (Bob) Burchill on December 18, 1955. The couple lived in Bremerton, WA and Grand Forks, ND before making Valley City their permanent home. They were proud to celebrate almost 70 years of marriage.

Positive, efficient, and adventurous are three of many words to describe Bonnie. She was well-known for preparing meals for Bob, her family, and friends and could create a delicious feast from whatever ingredients she had

on hand. She loved baking, music and traveling. Bonnie made memories snowmobiling, camping, and walking on the beach in Mexico. She valued time spent at their red A-frame at Lake Ashtabula. On Friday nights you would find Bonnie celebrating the week's end with the couple's lifelong friends.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, and their children and spouses: Greg (Karen) Burchill; Kristi (Dewey) Schweitzer; Kathy (Mike) Lentz and Karen (Buff) Murray, 16 grandchildren and spouses and 19 great grandchildren. Bonnie lived a beautiful life, and all know she is in a better place. She will be missed for her generosity and the warmth of her hugs.

Grandchildren and spouses: Paige (Kyle) Anderson; Jennifer (Ben) Sorenson; Hope Burchill; Kelly (Derick) Mallette; Ashley (Brandon) Nadeau; Stephanie (Luke) Bopp; Derek (Summer) Burchill; Morgan (Caleb) Johnson; Mckenzie Schweitzer, and Ian Schweitzer; Cameron (Haley) Lentz; Tayler (JoLynn) Lentz; Jared Lentz; Emily (Matthew) Cogan; Benton Murray, and Avery Murray.

Additionally, she leaves behind her beloved sister, Patricia (Mark) Lindsey; Sister-in-law, Joy (Roger) Rand; sister-in-law, Sandee Strathe and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Charlotte; parents Marian and Bernhard Strathe; sister and brother-in-law Sharlyn and Harold Davis; and brother, Larry Strathe.

Memorials may be directed to Valley City State Foundation - Burchill Family Scholarship.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Valley City

3416 121st Ave SE  
Valley City, ND 58072  
(701) 845-2881

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - July 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Maxine Burchill* ”

 Tribute Video

**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - July 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

FP

“ *From The Legacy Place purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bonnie Maxine Burchill.*



**From The Legacy Place** - July 22, 2025 at 05:41 PM

DO

“ *Our sincere condolences to Bonnie's family and friends ... we never want to lose those close to us.... may those special memories of Bonnie's life bring a sense of comfort and peace in the days to come.*

**Durward and Phyllis Otterness** - July 21, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Bob and Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Bonnie's passing. I will always remember her as being such a kind lady. People like Bonnie make this world a much better, brighter place. Again, my heartfelt condolences to you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely - Sandra Sommers & Girls*

**Amy Nelson** - July 21, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CM

“ *Cari White (friend of Kathy and Mike) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Maxine Burchill.*

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**Cari White (friend of Kathy and Mike)** - July 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM

CM

“ *Cari White (friend of Kathy and Mike) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Maxine Burchill.*



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**Cari White (friend of Kathy and Mike)** - July 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM

SW

“ *As a babysitter in the local Chautauqua neighborhood, I became involved in the Burchill Family from Jeff down to Karen. They were my first family to do so. Always personable and generous and kind, that was Bonnie (and Bob). Great memories of overseeing care for their children. God brings us into the world, but His timing is when to take us to His Heavenly Kingdom. Bonnie is blessed with Everlasting Life and greeted by those who have left us for the best life according to God's Promise.*

*Shelley (Hanson) Williamson  
Cartersville GA*

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**Shelley (Hanson) Williamson** - July 21, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Bonnie Maxine Burchill.*



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July 19, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *My sympathy to you all in the loss of Bonnie. I have fond memories of the Strathe and Burchill families from my younger years in the Colgate church. It's been years since I have seen any of you and I will be gone next week so won't be able to attend the funeral. I will be thinking of you. Ella Mae Mitchell Satrom*

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**Ella Mae Satrom** - July 18, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bonnie. Prayers to the family.*

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**Kerry Engler** - July 18, 2025 at 02:18 PM



*David and I are thinking of you, Bob, and the family. We appreciate your and Bonnie's kindness and fellowship during our RV days and summers in Valley City. You are genuine. good people. Bonnie will be missed.*

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**Noreen Braun and David Walker** - July 20, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Bob and family. Bonnie was such a special and kind person. I always enjoyed seeing and conversing with her. Her beautiful spirit and memories will be fondly remembered. God Bless. ~Kari Sauer*

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**Kari Sauer** - July 18, 2025 at 07:32 AM