



## Chris Van Hal

June 21, 1924 - January 22, 2014

Chris Van Hal was born on June 21, 1924 in Pipestone, MN, the son of Chris and Gertie (Miedema) Van Hal. As a young man he moved to the Marion, ND area and attended rural school. Chris was a custom baler for several years. On March 24, 1953, he was united in marriage to Cornelia DeBoer. They made their home in Valley City, ND where he later began doing carpentry work. After a time, Chris worked for his brother, Vance, doing home and apartment construction. In 1970, he began his own home building business. Chris built his first pickup camper and he and Cornelia enjoyed many camping and fishing trips to the Minnesota lakes area.

Cornelia passed away on August 30, 1995. Chris continued living in Valley City until June 2012 when he moved to Elim Care in Fargo, ND.

Chris was a member of the First Baptist Church in Valley City.

Chris died at Elim Care in Fargo on January 22, 2014. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Kimberly Van Hal of Fargo; his brother, Vance Van Hal of Nampa, ID; sisters, Gertrude Nels of Cedar Rapids, IA, Martha Kruger of Worthington, MN, and Maria Schneiderman of Cedar Rapids, IA; and a sisters-in-law, Jeanette Van Hal of Worthington, MN and Marlys Van Hal of Valley City, ND.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Harry, Jake, and Martin Van Hal; and sisters, Dora Van Dyke and Minnie Hector.

The funeral service for Chris Van Hal, 89, Fargo, ND, formerly of Valley City ND will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the First Baptist Church, Valley City. Burial will be in the spring in Hillside Cemetery, near Valley City.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. There will also be visitation an hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Funeral arrangements for Chris have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss Chris built our new home on the Kathryn road in 1977! He was a wonderful man to work with! I still have photos of Chris eating his lunch with our two little sons sitting beside him as he worked in the basement . We have great memories of that time Our sympathy to you and your family

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**Jack & Diane Bjerke** - February 10, 2014 at 09:26 PM

GV

“ Dear Ed and Kim,

*There was a nostalgic sadness that filled my heart upon hearing the news of Uncle Chris's death. Memories of childhood ~ all our holiday gatherings (the long table FILLED with food in your basement, LOUD, LIVELY and often LAUGHTER filled the air with all those relatives!) as well as the Sunday Dinner visits with just your family...and of course Bubbles. You and I were too busy playing for me to remember many stories Uncle Chris may have shared, but I can tell you he was the one Van Hal uncle who didn't frighten me too much! :) You and your family hold a special place in our family....know I'm thinking of you, remembering the good times, praying for His strength and peace to surround you.*

*Love,  
Greta and Michael Wittmeier*

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**Greta VanDyke** - January 26, 2014 at 04:39 PM

ME

“ Ed and Kim,

*Please accept our sympathy upon the death of your Dad. I have so many memories of the holidays our families shared when we were young. Your Dad and Mom took me on my first camping trip to the Mississippi headwaters when I was about twelve.*

*I also remember how interested he always was in John and I even after we had moved away. He always invited us to "stop by" when we came to Valley City and made us feel so welcome. I know you will miss him; but what a joy it is to think of him joining your Mom and so many others of his family in THE LAND of perfect peace.*

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." Ps. 116:15*

*Love,  
Marlene and John Eidsmoe*

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**marlene Eidsmoe** - January 25, 2014 at 05:40 PM

RW

“ Ed and Kim,

*Sorry to hear about your dad, he was a great guy. I have alot of good memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Randy and Dawn Wiedmeier*

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**Randy and Dawn Wiedmeier** - January 25, 2014 at 02:57 PM

RY

“ Dear Cousin Ed and Kim,

*My memories of Chris were mostly when the family would get together at Grandma Deboer's. He would always bring a sense of calm and peace around him, even when all the kids in the house were a little chaotic. I remember being in awe of what he could do with a piece of wood in his shop. It was fun to see how skilled he was and how quickly he could whip out a kids toy from a slab of wood in no time flat. I have many great memories Chris and the family together and for him I am grateful.*

*May God be with you and comfort you in this time.*

*So you have pain now; but I will see you again,  
and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take  
your joy from you.*

*John 16.22*

*Love,  
Robert, Maudie, Mazie, Sufi, and Gaia.*

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**Robert De Young** - January 25, 2014 at 01:33 PM

DH

“ Dear Cousin Ed and Kim,

*I have many fond memories of your Dad. Once in awhile he would stay at our house on the farm before, he was married. I enjoyed listening to the stories that he and Dad would tell. I remember that his snoring would just about bring down the house. I remember his 1952 cream and wine colored Plymouth and I enjoyed the stories of their hunting and other escapades, which may have been embellished. I remember the red Dodge Pickup with the black box and the rides I would get in it sometimes. I remember him parking his tractor and bailer in our yard when he was between custom bailing jobs. When your Mom and Dad would get a new vehicle they would come to our farm for show and tell and I would wish that just once it could be us getting a new vehicle.*

*We sure wanted to be at the visitation and funeral, but the weather did not allow this. You will certainly be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Psalm 30:5b "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."  
Your Dad is in the presence of the Lord where there is fullness of joy forever.*

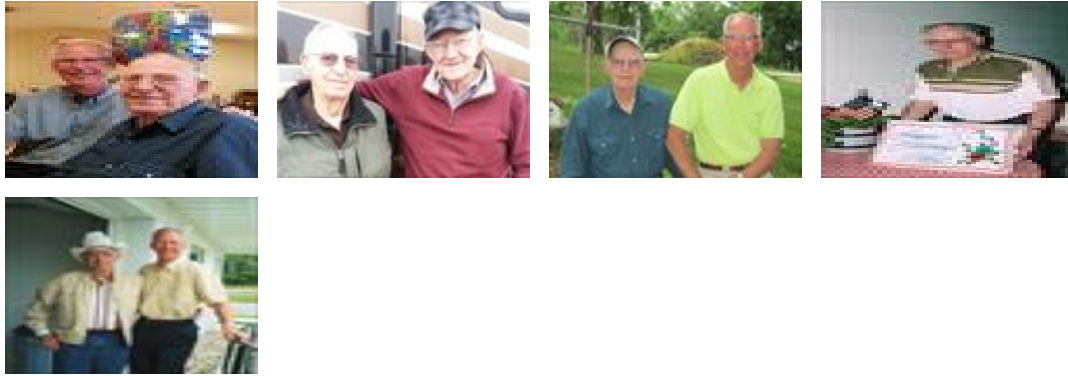
*With our love, Dave and Dotty Van Hal*

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**David Van Hal** - January 24, 2014 at 05:11 PM

KV

“ 20 files added to the album *Life Remembered*



Kimberly Van - January 24, 2014 at 12:05 PM

AD

“ *Chris, we loved sharing the holidays with you. We will miss your warmth, your kindness and your cowboy spirit.*

Adam and Davon - January 24, 2014 at 12:19 AM

BF

“ *Ed and Kim,  
We have enjoyed your parents ever since you, Ed, joined the family. They both were very special people and we will sincerely miss him at our family gatherings. As another "only child," I know the hole that losing your parents leaves in a person. You both have our sincere sympathy and love. Stay strong. Hope to see you down here yet this Winter.  
Bill & Janith*

Bill Farnham - January 23, 2014 at 10:14 PM

TE

“ *Kim and Ed, thank you for encouraging your dad to share holidays with us! Although generally quiet, he always had such a lovely spark in his eyes. I'm so thankful for his calming, gentle presence on those Christmases, Thanksgivings, and July 4ths. Lots of love and hugs to you.*

The Bohls (Fritz, Erika, and Elle) - January 23, 2014 at 08:16 PM

AM

“ *Chris was such a quiet, friendly kind of a guy!. My heart goes out to the family, as well as his long time friend, Gloria. God took him from here, but your memories will last forever. Love you! Ardis*

Ardis Martin - January 23, 2014 at 06:04 PM

TF

“ Ed-  
*Sorry to hear about your dad. I'll miss having homemade ice cream with him out on the deck. Our family will say a prayer for your family.*

The Robert Kost Family - January 23, 2014 at 12:44 PM

KG

“ Ken Giese purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Chris Van Hal.



Ken Giese - January 23, 2014 at 11:12 AM

BN

“ Ed and Kim-  
*We are so sorry to hear of your loss and want to pass on our deepest sympathy to you and all of your family during this very difficult time. May you find comfort and God Bless you all and cherish the memories you have today and always.*

Bill & Robin Nagle - January 23, 2014 at 08:00 AM

KH

“ 7 files added to the album Life Remembered



Kimberly Van Hal - January 23, 2014 at 07:38 AM

GC

“ Ed and Kim:  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of the loss of your father. We wish that we could be with you at the funeral. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15 We will all miss your father, but he was ready to go home to His Lord for quite some time. It's comforting to know that he is "absent from the body and present with the Lord." Gary and Carol Clark*

Gary Clark - January 22, 2014 at 10:23 PM

DF

“ *David and Dotty Van Hal and family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Chris Van Hal.*



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**David and Dotty Van Hal and family** - January 22, 2014 at 07:55 PM

AN

“ *Arlene Nelson lit a candle in memory of Chris Van Hal*



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**Arlene Nelson** - January 22, 2014 at 05:53 PM