



## Connie Ellen Offner

March 30, 1948 - May 16, 2025

Connie's funeral service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/5149211>

### In Loving Memory

Connie Ellen Offner (Lilleoien), age 77 of Valley City, ND passed away peacefully in her Minot, ND home on May 16, 2025. Born March 30, 1948, in McVille, ND, Connie was the daughter of Kenneth and Helen Lilleoien. She graduated from McVille High School and later went on to attend Valley City State University where she met Fred Offner. On October 5, 1968, Connie and Fred got married in McVille, ND. Together they had three children – Randy, Michelle, and Brian.

Connie worked at the Red Owl early on and later at Pamida (Shopko) until her retirement in 2015. In addition to working in Valley City, she also helped Fred on the farm, whether that be combining, hauling trucks, or running for parts! Once retired, Connie and Fred found themselves working in their flower beds, planting beautiful trees, setting up hummingbird feeders in just the right place, or just simply enjoying the outdoors.

Together they loved spending time with their family, and many times attended the grandkids' sporting events, proms, graduations, and weddings. She was always so proud of her grandkids, no matter what they were doing. They

brought great joy into her world.

Fred passed in April of 2017. Not long after, Connie's health began to deteriorate. She spent her summers and falls on the farm in Valley City with Brian and his family and then traveled north to Minot to spend her winters and springs with Michelle and her family. She loved puzzles, crazy card games (which many times she won), playing Candy Crush on her phone, and watching marathons of Deal or No Deal! She even got the Chaplain addicted!

Although she is sorely missed, there is comfort knowing that she is at rest and no longer suffering from COPD, and that she's in the best company. Her issue now will be keeping the peace among all the Offner / Lilleoien fishermen and women up above!

Connie is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Brian) Sys, son, Brian (Alison) Offner; grandchildren Alison (Collin) Wible, Hunter Sys, Reese (Jayson) Kurtz, Jacob Offner, Jordan Offner; great-grandson Baker Wible; and brother Arlan Lilleoien.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Randy, and brother Keven along with her mother and father in-law and many beloved brother and sisters-in-law.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you who have been so kind and thoughtful at this most difficult time. A special thank you to the Red River Valley Hospice – Pink Team! Without your kind and loving support, our mom wouldn't have been able to write the end of her story the way she chose. There are no words to express our appreciation for your care.

May God bless the memory of Connie.

The funeral service for Connie will be 10:30 am Thursday, May 22, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Valley City

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave SW  
Valley City, ND 58072-3743  
(701) 845-0340

## Funeral Service

**MAY 22.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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680 8th Ave SW  
Valley City, ND 58072-3743  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - October 16, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Connie Ellen Offner*

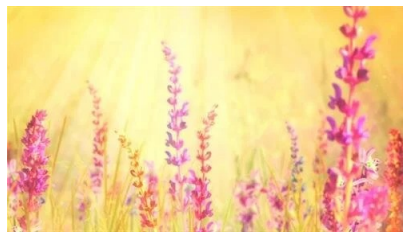


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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - May 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie Ellen Offner*



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - May 20, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Been neighbors for a long time, Connie will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for you.*

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**Rory, karen & Terry Hunter** - May 22, 2025 at 09:44 AM

AW

“ Connie’s family, we are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed visits with Connie, Fred, and Randy when they visited Connie’s Aunt Eileen in Jamestown. Sadly, our last visit with Connie was in 2017. She came to Jamestown to visit before we moved to Apple Valley. Lovely lady. May you find peace in the memories. Ann and Joel Wilson (cousin).



Ann and Joel Wilson - May 21, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.



May 21, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Ellen Offner.

May 21, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JM

“ Judy (Nelson) Heupel, Culbertson, MT purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.



Judy (Nelson) Heupel, Culbertson, MT - May 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ Judy (Nelson) Heupel, Culbertson, MT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Ellen Offner.

Judy (Nelson) Heupel, Culbertson, MT - May 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JH

“ Connie and I were good friends in high school. We shared many fond memories during those years and I will always cherish them. Connie was a true friend. My sincere sympathy to her family. May God bless you all.  
Judy (Nelson) Heupel 💕🙏

Judy Heupel - May 20, 2025 at 06:14 PM

LF

“ Lori & Ralph Fettig purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.



Lori & Ralph Fettig - May 20, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.



May 20, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.*



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May 20, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ *Connie and I grew up not too far apart from one another. I was 2 years older than Connie attending McVille high School. I always thought she was such a nice girl. I remember being very impressed with her athletic prowess on the "horse" and the balance beam in Phy. ed! My sympathy to all her family. May God bless her memory 🙏* Myrna (Nelson) Hanson

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**Myrna Hanson** - May 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ *We have such fond memories of Connie, Fred & the kids when we lived on the otherside of the trees at the farm. It was always a treat to visit at Pamida. Hugs to all her family.*  
*Lynn Hill & Guy Harper*

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**Lynn Hill** - May 19, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! I've known your mom for many years. Always so friendly and kind, may she rest in peace! 🙏*

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**Wendy Gullickson** - May 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Connie Ellen Offner.*



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May 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Ellen Offner.

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May 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, we would love to be able to attend but we have other engagements.  
Thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill Messner & Harriet Nygaard*

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**Bill Messner** - May 19, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *Connie and I were Cheerleaders together in junior high. Sweet girl.  
So sorry to see she passed.*

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**Gayle Anderson** - May 18, 2025 at 08:19 PM