



## DeLores Jean Ust

July 14, 1921 - January 2, 2023

DeLores funeral is livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/2758432>

DeLores Jean Holte was born at home on the farm at Voltaire, ND on July 14, 1921. She was the oldest child of Ruth (Chilson) and Melvin Holte. She had 2 brothers and 3 sisters. DeLores was baptized and confirmed at Hjerdal Lutheran Church, Voltaire, ND. She attended all 12 years of school at Bergen, ND. She was active with the school plays, chorus and played tenor sax in the band. DeLores attended one year at Minot Teachers College.

Music was an important part of the family activities. Her dad had his own family band which included DeLores and her two brothers. She played the piano. The family (Holtes) played for dances, church and school functions, PTA meetings and they even entered an amateur contest, for which they won first prize. Her father took them to many musical functions so they would be exposed to all kinds of music. Mom tells many stories about walking to her grandfather's farm and an uncle's farm that were just a short distance from home. She has many fond memories of doing that. In the winter they would skate in the frozen ditches to get there.

On December 3, 1940, DeLores married Alfred Ust in Minot, ND. They lived on the Ust family farm at Clifford, ND. They continued to live there during

which time their 8 children were born. They were members of Perry Lutheran Church, rural Portland, ND. She was active in Ladies Aid, Homemakers and Sunday school. Mom was kept busy cooking for the threshers and washing their clothes. There would usually be at least four threshers per season. She always had a large garden so there was a lot of canning being done. There were six family members to cook, clean and do laundry for before the last kids came along. Mother did a lot of sewing for all of us. She taught three of her daughters to sew and cook.

In 1960, the Ust's moved into their new home in Portland, ND. Then in 1963 they moved to rural Wimbledon, ND. While there, they were members of Eidfjord Lutheran Church, rural Walum. They farmed there until retiring in 1976 to their new home in Valley City.

While living in Valley City they spent several winters in Arizona. They were always on the go -visiting friends and family that were wintering there too. Mom continued to enjoy her music, playing her organ or listening to her cds or records. It was always fun to have her sit down to play for us. She played by ear - so if you knew the tune - she could play it. She played a few times with "Whoever can come band" They enjoyed having musicians come to play in their backyard. Mom also did some volunteering at the Barnes County Museum for a brief time. Alfred entered the Care Center October, 2002 and passed away March, 2003. Mom was an everyday visitor.

She was proud of her Norwegian Heritage and culture. On several occasions Dad and Mom provided bed and breakfast to musicians from Norway who performed in the Valley City area. Mom was a life member of the Sons of Norway. Coffee and fresh baked goodies were always available if you stopped by for a visit. She loved company and a chance to visit. She enjoyed her yard and her flowers. They hosted a young man from Norway in a farming exchange program. Some evenings their house was buzzing with friends and

neighbors, 12 in all playing Hand and Foot card game. Good thing they had a large dining table.

She was a member of Perry Lutheran Church, rural Portland, and an associate member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. She was a circle member and active with the quilters into her "90s". she loved getting together with those fun gals.

Mom moved into Bridgeview December 6, 2014. She loved her new home, and grew to love the staff as well. She always had a smile for you. They called her a social butterfly. Their dining table would be full of laughter. She was extra happy when her sister Lois moved in the apartment above hers. Lots of reminiscing.

October, 2019 mom had to move to Sheyenne Care Center due to health reason. She grew to love her new home and staff there too. 'Then COVID hit.' We'd like to thank the staffs at Bridgeview and SMP Health - St. Raphael for the love and care they gave to our Mother.

DeLores is survived by daughters Judy Koppang, Wahpeton; Janice (Tom) Brown, Grants Pass, OR; Susan (Brian) Hoyt, Portland; son Harold (Jean) Ust, Portland, ND; 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 15 great great grandchildren; sisters Lois Irwin, Valley City; Audrey (Howard) Lahlum, Marion; several nieces, nephews and cousins

DeLores was preceded in death by Alfred, her parents, sons Paul, Warren, daughters Marilyn and Kathryn, Grandson Ryan Brown, son in-law Myron Koppang, brothers Richard Holte, Harold Holte, sister Marjorie Larson, brothers in-law Dale Irwin, Verlund Larson, sisters in-law Betty Holte, Virgil Holte, Dorothy Holte. DeLores died on January 2, 2023 at SMP Health - St.

Raphael.

Memorials may be designated to the Barnes County Museum, Hospice of the Red River Valley, Our Savior's Foundation or Perry Lutheran Church.

The funeral service will be 2 pm Tuesday, January 10, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be noon until the time of the service. Burial will be in the spring at Perry Cemetery, rural Portland, North Dakota.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Cemetery

Co Hwy 10  
Portland, ND 58274

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ My sincere sympathies to the Ust family!! Delores was a very sweet lady who gave wonderful hugs! I always looked forward to seeing/hugging her when I visited my Mom in Bridgeview...good memories! God's Blessings to you all! ❤️ Jan (Steckler) Rubink

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**Jan Rubink** - January 12, 2023 at 10:33 AM

BN

“ Sincere sympathies to DeLores's family.  
DeLores and Alfred welcomed me into their home, Janice shared her bedroom for a semester of our HS freshman year. What great memories of fun, laughter, good food and acceptance.  
Love to you all.  
Bev (Kvernen) Nelson

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**Bev Nelson** - January 10, 2023 at 10:58 PM

DO

“ Sincere sympathy to Audrey and Howard and the entire Ust family !  
A sister is a special part of our lives and will remain in a corner of our hearts.

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**Durward and Phyllis Otterness** - January 10, 2023 at 08:22 PM

NS

“ My sympathy to the Ust family. Have many good memories from the farm and Valley City.

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**Norman Swenson** - January 09, 2023 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to the entire Ust family. I always enjoyed my visits, phone calls and letters with DeLores. She was a very special lady and I learned a lot from her over the years. As a mother-in-law, DeLores was a gem. I loved her and I will miss her.



Sharon Stevens - January 08, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of DeLores Jean Ust.



January 05, 2023 at 05:04 PM

ML

“ You have our deepest sympathy at this sad time....  
Mel & Marilyn

mariyn lahlum - January 04, 2023 at 07:34 PM

PW

“ So sorry you lost this sweet lady. God bless.

Peggy Williamson - January 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM

JB

Thank you Peggy

Jan Brown - January 06, 2023 at 09:03 PM

IH

My sympathy to Judy Ust Koppang and family.

Irene Amb Hoff - January 11, 2023 at 04:39 PM

MH

“ So sorry for the loss of Delores. It so hard to lose a loved one. Just knowing she is in a better place and pain free does help. Prayers for the whole family.

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**Melody Holen** - January 04, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JB

Thank you Melody

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**Jan Brown** - January 06, 2023 at 09:03 PM

EH

“ So sad to hear that DeLores passed away. Many memories of her and Alf from Hjemdal Lodge. Sympany and aprayers. Estelle Hanson

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**estelle hanson** - January 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM

JB

Thank you Estelle.

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**Jan Brown** - January 06, 2023 at 09:00 PM

PP

“ I am so sad to hear your beautiful mother is gone from this earth. I truly loved her. I will remember her as a most pleasant, charming and caring human being and treasure her as a special and dear friend to my Dad and my family. She had a wonderful sense of humor and I never left her without a smile on my face and in my heart. May your many memories of her be of comfort now. love from Patty Pederson

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**Patty Pederson** - January 03, 2023 at 10:00 PM

JB

*Thank you so much for your special message. She loved your family, and enjoyed the times she spent with you all. She and Marvin had a special bond.*

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**Jan Brown** - January 05, 2023 at 10:39 AM

LL

*so sorry for your loss, I will not be able to attend the service due to Doctor app at that time, hugs to Janice and Tom. Love you.*

*LaVonne*

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**LaVonne Lawrence** - January 06, 2023 at 05:17 PM

IL

*Our Prayers and thoughts are with the family. We met DeLores through Chilson Gatherings in the summers. DeLores always had a twinkle in her eye. One Gathering Ivan went to greet her, she said she wanted a big hug, "I love to hug a big fat man". She was a classy Lady. Our love to the Family. Ivan and Arthleen Larson*

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**Ivan Larson** - January 07, 2023 at 04:48 PM