



Dorothy R. Roorda

April 2, 1933 - May 14, 2017

The funeral service for Dorothy Roorda, 84, Valley City, North Dakota, will be 10:30 am Friday, May 19, 2017 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Thursday at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with a prayer service at 7 pm in the chapel. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service in the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City. She passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 14, at the Sheyenne Care Center, Valley City.

Dorothy Ruth Fosdick was born April 2, 1933 at Hope, North Dakota, the daughter of Carrington and Zelma (Fulton) Fosdick. Dorothy graduated in 1951 from Hope High School. She attended Valley City Teachers College in the summer of 1951. In the fall of 1951 she taught for one year at rural Portland, North Dakota. In the summer of 1952 she went back to college and finished in 1953 with a teaching degree. Dorothy taught one year in Watford City, North Dakota, where she taught 6th grade. Dorothy moved back home and married Perry Roorda on June 1, 1954.

Dorothy and Perry made their home in rural Ypsilanti, North Dakota. Dorothy went to Sanborn to teach 6th grade for the 1954-1955 school year. She was a housewife and mother of four children. In 1981-1985 she went back to college at Valley City State University to further her teaching degree. Dorothy taught Spanish at Montpelier Public School during the 1990-1991 school year. In July of 1995 she and Perry moved to Valley City.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing and made many many beautiful quilts. She also

enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Dorothy was an active member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Perry, of 62 years; two sons, Reginald (Pat) Roorda, Lakeville, Minnesota, Cordell (Paulette) Roorda, Farmington, Minnesota; two daughters, Londa Evenson, Bismarck, North Dakota, Della (Joel) McClean, Ypsilanti, North Dakota; nine grandchildren, two great grandsons; two brothers, Gaylord Fosdick, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Milton Fosdick, Hope; and many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by an infant son, Robert, her parents and two sisters, Virginia Vosgerau and Mervel Parkman.

Memorials may be given to Hospice of the Red River or the Epworth Endowment Foundation.

Funeral arrangements for Dorothy have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 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

Prayer Service

MAY 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Lili, Dennis, Teresa, Kathy, and their families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy R. Roorda.* ”



Lili, Dennis, Teresa, Kathy, and their families - May 16, 2017
at 06:27 PM

BR

“ *Perry, Redge, Londa, Della, Cordell and families, I want to let you know I am thinking of you all during this difficult time. Over the years I have often thought about you all and I also remember the times we shared when we worked and lived out your dairy/farm by Ypsilanti. It may have been many years ago, but I have never forgotten any of you. I am wishing you all peace and comfort during this difficult time. May she rest in peace. Take care and remember all the great memories.* ”

Beverly Reutter - May 16, 2017 at 12:33 AM

VR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss talking to Dorothy. Vicky Royse* ”



Vicky Royse - May 15, 2017 at 04:18 PM

ML

“ *With sympathy to you and your family at this sad time..*



Marilyn Lahlum - May 15, 2017 at 11:26 AM

JM

“ *Roorda family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Good Bless the memory of Dorothy. John Monilaws*



John Monilaws - May 15, 2017 at 08:44 AM