



## Eleanor Lillian Paulsen

November 11, 1922 - January 20, 2016

Eleanor Lillian Paulsen, 93, of Luverne, ND, died peacefully, Jan. 20, 2016 at Olive View UCLA Medical Center in Sylmar, Ca. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 A.M., Mon. Feb. 1 at the Luverne Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jerry Rosin officiating. A visitation will be held at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel in Valley City, ND on Sun. Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 P.M. followed by a prayer service. Interment will be in the Luverne cemetery in the spring.

Eleanor Lillian Paulsen was born Nov. 11, 1922 in Luverne, the daughter of Christ and Johanne Madsen. She grew up in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1940. She later moved to Burbank, Ca. where she worked for a short time with Lockheed building aircraft for the war effort. It was at that time, Jan. 9, 1943, she was united in marriage to Andrew Paulsen at Quartzsite, Az. Following the end of the war the couple moved back to Luverne and began farming on the Paulsen family farm. Following Andrew's death in 1972, Eleanor and son Alan continued to farm for another 12 years. Eleanor and Alan continued to live on the farm during the summer months and spend their winters in Calif. to be near family. Eleanor enjoyed playing cards, taking trips with her sister Doris, and became an avid Laker fan. She was a lifetime member of Luverne Lutheran Church & WELCA.

Eleanor is survived by her sons, Gerald (Roxanna) Paulsen, Manhattan Beach, Ca., Don (Kathy) Paulsen, San Diego, Ca., and Alan Paulsen, Luverne, ND; grandchildren, Jami (Bob) Cook, Madison, Wi., Todd Paulsen, San Francisco, Ca., Kristin Paulsen, San Diego, Ca.; step-granddaughters

Ashley Shelden and Hilary (Jeff) Weston; great grandchildren Nicole, Elizabeth, and Sarah Cook; sister Doris Weydahl; and many nieces, nephews & friends.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, parents, brothers Ray and Alvin Madsen, and an infant sister.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Luverne Cemetery

Luverne, ND

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

JAN 31. 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

## Visitation

FEB 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Luverne Lutheran Church  
Luverne, ND

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Luverne Lutheran Church  
Luverne, ND

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ Eleanor was my great aunt. Her brother Ray was my grandfather. I have such great memories of her when I was a little kid visiting Luverne. I'm late with this but I want to wish my condolences to her family. She is a precious memory to me.. Ray Madsen

Ray Madsen - September 10, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Three Cross Throw was purchased for the family of Eleanor Lillian Paulsen.



February 01, 2016 at 09:33 AM

JJ

“ I worked for Eleanor helping Alan with harvest a couple years. She was a good boss and a great cook!

Jerome Jacobsen

Jerome Jacobsen - January 31, 2016 at 02:41 PM

DJ

“ We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady and good friend to all, especially to my folks. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families during this difficult time.

Dennis and Jo



Dennis Jensen - January 28, 2016 at 07:11 AM

DP

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**Don Paulsen** - January 27, 2016 at 04:17 PM

DN

*Don & Kathy:  
Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I'm sure she was a fine, fine person.  
David M Noyes  
Northfield, MN*

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**David Noyes** - January 28, 2016 at 06:14 PM

GM

*During family trips to see our North Dakota relatives almost every summer, my visits to the Paulsen farm in Luverne are among my fondest memories. The picture reminds me that, at the heart of those memories were my aunt Eleanor and uncle Andy. They were always so kind and gracious--and had the patience to answer the not-so-well-informed questions about farm life from a city kid from Minneapolis. I miss them very much, and I take comfort in knowing it has been my great good fortune to have had my aunt Eleanor and uncle Andy, and my cousins Jerry, Don and Alan, as a part of my family.*

*Greg Madsen  
Arden Hills, MN*

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**Greg Madsen** - January 29, 2016 at 06:26 PM