



## Erma Overby

August 21, 1924 - June 4, 2012

Erma Gertrude Hanson Overby was born Aug 21, 1924 in St. Paul, MN to Alfred and Louise Bell Hanson. She graduated from Kathryn High School and attended Union College briefly. She returned home and attended Valley City State Teacher's College for 3 months to obtain her teaching certificate. She taught school to save funds to achieve her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. She obtained a 3 year degree in nursing from Hinsdale Hospital in Chicago and worked for the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Public Health Nursing at the University of Minnesota.

She later became the city/school nurse for Valley City and schools. She married Erwin B. Overby in 1961 and became a mother to his three children. Erma served the community of Valley City and the state of North Dakota in many capacities and was still installing Life Lines and doing hospice care into her eighties until it became necessary for her to move to an assisted living facility. During her life, she was a role model to many, an honors scholar, teacher, nurse, Captain in the Army Reserve, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She died June 4, 2012 in the Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center, Kalispell, MT where she had been living.

Survivors are one son, Ed (Betty), Valley City; two daughters, Sandra (Wayne) Hall, Suffolk, VA and Glenda (Rick) Funk, Kalispell, MT; two sisters, Jessie (Duane) Schultz, Jamestown, ND and Phyllis Myhre, Cutbank, MT; 3 grandchildren, Heidi Johnson, Valley City, Christina Schauer (Chris Neubert), Kalispell, MT, and Jacob (Patty) Schauer, Missoula, MT; 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin Overby.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUN **11**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Erma's family. When I saw this obit, I wondered why her name was familiar. Figured it out when I read she had been school nurse back in the 60's. I remember working with her in the nurse's office several hours a week in my Jr and Sr years of High school. Esp remem cleaning and sterilizing the glass syringes, and cleaning and rebeveling the needles (didn't have disposable ones back then). And wrapping the syringes in cloth wraps to be sterilized. That, and my mother's career as a nurse, were my inspiration to also be a nurse; and I was, for 42 1/2yrs b/4 retiring 2 yrs ago. I really enjoyed my nursing career, helping ill people. My sympathy to Erma's family in your loss. I very much enjoyed my time spent with her.

Barb Harris McCarty - March 11, 2013 at 01:52 PM



“ Hi Innocent Voices,I would also like to add my own comments to your site this is a very imrpatont work, and you have invested a lot of effort into it. I wish you all the best for all your hard work and commitment.Take care, Tosin##imported-begin##Julia##imported-end##

July 31, 2012 at 03:43 PM



“ I just heard about Erma's passing thru my sister. How very sad to hear, Erma tended with my son's rare disorder and would have to take blood tests from his feet while an infant and continued to take his blood thru about the age of 5. Erma was a friend who stood by me thru difficult times, when others did not. I will miss not visiting with her when I go back home, wondered where she had gone when I received a Christmas card back that I had sent her. Will always hold her in highest regard and respect. My thoughts are with her many family members and so very many friends.##imported-begin##Judy Flatlie Sambrano##imported-end##

June 15, 2012 at 02:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I have many good memories as a kid with Erma & Erwin & family. I was lucky to know you. You are very special and will always hold a special place in my heart. I will not be able to be there today but I will be there in spirit. Take care and God Bless you!

Luv,

Deb###imported-begin##Deb Jasper###imported-end##

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June 11, 2012 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear Family of Erma

You have my sincere sympathy on her passing. She was a very nice lady and did a lot for the community and will be remembered.

Tom Goven###imported-begin##Tom Goven###imported-end##

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June 10, 2012 at 06:12 PM



“ We feel lucky to have met Erma and will be praying for her family and friends. Her contributions to her community were amazing- what a legacy she left!###imported-begin##The Austin Family###imported-end##

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June 09, 2012 at 03:14 PM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family at this time. Erma was a wonderful person & had a heart of gold. May God be with the family. Bob & Connie Nestoss###imported-begin##Bob & Connie Nestoss###imported-end##

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June 08, 2012 at 09:32 PM



“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy to each one in Erma's family. She was so concerned about the health and well being of others. My parents deeply admired her and she was a good friend to them.###imported-begin##Tim Skramstad###imported-end##

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June 08, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ How sad to hear of the passing of a long time VC Resident and Icon. My sincere sympathy to you all. When I think or hear the name of Erma Overby, it takes me back to memories of years ago when she was school nurse to many. Her professionalism was impeccable. Hold your memories close to your heart and she will be forever with you all. God speed to Heaven Erma and wrap your loving arms around her family during this time of loss.

Barb (Schuler) Orner###imported-begin###Barb Orner###imported-end##

June 08, 2012 at 08:50 AM



“ Ed and family, Sorry to hear about your mom. She will never be forgotten###imported-begin###Diane Schuldt Alkire###imported-end##

June 07, 2012 at 09:38 PM



“ Erma will be sorely missed by a lot of people. I owe her a big thank you for her share in helping with my recoverd. Thanks Erma, Rest in Peace###imported-begin###Harold Nilles###imported-end##

June 07, 2012 at 06:48 AM



“ Erma was so much to so many for so long. I remember her compassion and common sense in tough times; she was a devoted advocate for good mental and physical health for all. Personally. I remember how she helped our family through some tough times. Erma had a great sense of humor and endless energy. She embodied the traits of a powerful female long before it was "cool." RIP, Nurse Erma.###imported-begin###Patricia Lowe Horgan###imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 10:50 PM



“ For so many years, Erma wasn't just the face of Public Health Services for Barnes County, she single handedly was the whole program. Erma was one of the strongest women I ever knew and my family loved her. Time and time again, she was hugely helpful to us. We will never forget our friend, Errma. Our sincere condolences to the entire family.###imported-begin###Earl Pomeroy###imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 09:35 PM



“ I recall with great fondness the trepidation i felt when Nurse Overby came to my school for the dreaded physicals and shots. Forty years later Nurse Erma took loving, gentle care of my mother who was in hospice care. Erma devoted her life to others, selflessly and skillfully. She will always be in my heart; Ed, your and your family are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Mary Pomeroy##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 09:23 PM



“ ERMA WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON AND NURSE. SHE WAS THE "SCHOOL NURSE" AT ST.KATES WHERE I ATTENDED FOR MANY YEARS. I REMEMBER HER WELL.SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU. MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##carolyn winkels maresh##imported-end##

June 06, 2012 at 03:56 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Overby family. Erma made a difference in the lives of many people in Barnes County, including my own parents. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##David Strauss##imported-end##

June 05, 2012 at 10:46 PM



“ My prayers are with you Ed and the whole family. Erma was a kind and loving soul. God be with you.##imported-begin##Suzi Simonsen##imported-end##

June 05, 2012 at 07:53 PM



“ Erma was always a friend to all and was always willing to help someone without regard to herself. Her kindness will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Karen Marx - Miller##imported-end##

June 05, 2012 at 07:26 PM