



Ethel Mae Gusaas

January 16, 1929 - November 18, 2024

Ethel's service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/4743239>

The funeral service for Ethel Gusaas, 95, Valley City, North Dakota will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Ethel passed away Monday, November 18 at CHI Mercy Health, Valley City.

Ethel Mae Ashdown was born January 16, 1929 to Walter and Sadie (Hale) Ashdown in Highmore, South Dakota where she was raised and received her education graduating from Highmore High School in 1947. After graduating, she worked at Ed Bottcher Chevrolet Buick Dealership in Highmore where she met Milford Gusaas who was in town for work building roads. November 9, 1952 they were united in marriage. Ethel and Milford made their home near Hastings, North Dakota in Skandia Township where they raised their family and farmed from 1952-1988 until moving to Valley City.

Ethel made her home a place for family and friends to gather leading by example for her children always pleasant and not speaking bad of others. Fresh bread and flowers from her garden would most often be present when stopping to visit. Along with being a homemaker and farm wife, Ethel was a bookkeeper for Rexall Drug for four years, the Barnes County Extension

Agent's assistant and retired in 1991 from Leever's Foods after fifteen years as bookkeeper.

Faith and Community were also important to Ethel as she served as WELCA Treasurer at Our Savior's Lutheran Church was a part of Hannah Circle Bible Group, Good Samaritan Quilting Group, and the VFW Auxiliary.

Ethel is survived by her children Beth Arneson, Anoka, MN, Benita (Frank) Gusaas-Goodwin, Duluth, MN, David (Andrea Lenaburg) Gusaas, Chicago, IL; grandchildren Beau Gusaas, Kylie Janson, Richard (Violet) Rockensock; great grandson Frank Rockensock and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, a sister Ruth Robertson, and her brothers Hugh, Glen, Carl and Leslie Ashdown.

Cemetery Details

Spring Creek Cemetery

Hastings, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ Ethel sat right behind Robert & me at church every Sunday for many years. She was a devoted member of Our Savior's, quilting, treasurer for Welca, leading bible studies at circle, always a smile on her face. We missed seeing her when Covid hit, then she moved to the Legacy. I got to know her when I worked at a bank in Valley City, and she was the bookkeeper for the grocery store, and brought in the deposits.

BEVERLY LOKEN - November 23, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MB

“ Marlene, Lisa, Jennifer, & Brenda purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ethel Mae Gusaas.



Marlene, Lisa, Jennifer, & Brenda - November 22, 2024 at 01:22 PM

EH

“ Estelle Hanson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Gusaas



estelle hanson - November 22, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Gusaas.



November 22, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Rest in peace Aunt Ethel. You were such a kind and loving woman. My condolences David, Beth and Benita. Sending love and prayers. 🙏❤️

Darcy Didier Bock (Enid Gusaas Harstad's granddaughter)

Darcy J Bock - November 21, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ My sympathy to Ethel's family...she was a wonderful lady!

Ryan Graalum - November 21, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Prayers to Ethel's family during this time of loss. I enjoyed the years I got to know Ethel. She always reminded me of my own grandmother, with her kind soft voice, but if she wanted you to know she was serious she was let you know, still kind but firm.



York Grebel - November 21, 2024 at 03:50 PM

RB

“ Beth - So sorry for the loss of your mother. Sending our prayers
Roxanne & Todd

Roxanne Baumgartner - November 21, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RG

“ She was a very kind & caring woman with a very pleasant
disposition. Melford & her made a wonderful couple. May peace be
with the entire family.

Robert Gusaas - November 21, 2024 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ What a sweet, kind lady your mother was. I met her at Legacy as
she could be found in the commons area very often or having coffee
in the afternoon. I always enjoyed visiting with her... soft spoken,
but she loved to talk about the past. After she introduced herself to
me I found out she had connections to the Hastings litchville area
where I grew up! I'm sure my dad specifically knew both your
parents. It was such fun listening & sharing memories of the past.
Such a small world ❤️ I can imagine she was a hard working and
wonderful mother. God bless her memory❤️

Diane (Mennis) Sommerfeld - November 20, 2024 at 02:27 PM

DS

What a beautiful service. It was totally her ... simple & pure... with
lovely music. I will miss seeing her when I am at Legacy again. I could
always count on a warm greeting from her and a hand squeeze along
with her smile. As I remember, my dad talked highly of both your
parents. True farmers & loved the land... simple people. Sympathy &
hugs to you all. 🙏

Diane (Mennis) Sommerfeld - November 23, 2024 at 07:30 PM

EH

“ *Ethel was such a loving lady. She welcomed my Mother, Ada, into the quilting family at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, VC when Mom moved here to Valley City.in 2005. Ethel's smile and warm personality was ever present. My sympathy to all of her family.*

Estelle Hanson, VC

Estelle Hanson - November 20, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DK

“ *David, Beth, and Benita,*

My condolences to all of you in the loss of your mother. She was always a great neighbor to us, and so kind and patient.

Debbie Gordon Kleven

Debbie Kleven - November 19, 2024 at 08:37 PM