



Ethelyn D. Paulson

May 8, 1927 - December 25, 2023

Ethelyn D Paulson, 96, passed away at SMP Health – St Raphael in Valley City, ND on December 25, 2023.

Ethelyn's service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/3988786>

Services will be Saturday, December 30th at Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel in Valley City at 10:30 am with Vicar Louis Moehlman officiating. Visitation will be held one hour before the service. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Marion, ND in the spring.

Ethelyn was born May 8, 1927, to Jacob and Clara (Rockswold) Smedshammer. She was the oldest of 5 children, Lois, Myron, Arlys and Oren. She attended school at the North LaMoure rural school. She graduated from Litchville High School and started Nurses Training at Mercy Hospital in Valley City as part of the Nurses Cadet Corp. This was a government funded program due to the dire need for nurses because of World War II. She graduated in May of 1948 and worked for Doctor JP Merrett as his office nurse. She married Connie Paulson on April 24, 1949, and were married for 66 years. They lived on the family farm and raised 3 sons, Curtis, Bradley, and Jan.

Ethelyn was an active member of Marion Lutheran Church. She played piano for the Children's Choir, chaired the Banners Committee, made homemade soap for the mission fields and quilts for Lutheran World Relief while on the Stewardship Committee.

Ethelyn was very creative and loved to sew and knit. She knit and gave away 150 prayer shawls and many quilts. Connie and Ethelyn spent winters in Mesa, Arizona, where she took classes in painting, writing and computers. She received awards on her paintings that she exhibited at the fairs.

Ethelyn is survived by her sons, Curtis (Sue) and Jan Gordon (Anne) Paulson; grandchildren, Jodi (Darrin) Orner, Marissa (John) Oelke, Sondra (Todd) Kirckof, Erin (John) Fox, Laura Paulson, and Matthew Paulson (fiancé Katelyn); great grandchildren, Tucker & Faith Orner, Robert & Fred Oelke, Ben & Charlotte Kirckof; brother Oren (Nadine) Smedshammer; sister, Lois Peterson; sister in law, Jeanette Smedshammer, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Connie, son, Bradley, brother Myron Smedshammer and sister Arlys Bates.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Cemetery

Marion, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
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Valley City, ND 58072
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of Ethelyn Paulson, I am sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. Times like these I find great comfort in reflecting on the hope given to us from God’s Word the Bible. We can take comfort in knowing that God has promised that he will resurrect those who have died back to earth to enjoy life forever. Until that time they are in His memory. Please know that God is with the broken hearted and can give you the strength you need to get through this difficult time.

April D - January 17, 2024 at 09:02 PM

JM

“ My sympathy to Ethelyn's Family. Jean Miller

Jean Miller - December 31, 2023 at 10:53 PM

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“ My condolences to the Paulson & Smedshammer families. I grew up in the North LaMoure community. My dad (Carlton Mennis) grew up as a neighbor with the Smedshammer family. I remember him talking of all of them. Good friends and he always said those girls were so nice & fun! North LaMoure was a close community. Dad played accordion for their 65th(I believe) anniversary. He didn't play for crowds very often, so they must have talked him into it somehow! Sounds like a very special lady. God bless her memory.

Diane (Mennis) Sommerfeld - December 30, 2023 at 10:18 PM

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“ I will always remember and enjoyed family get togethers at the Paulson house. Ethelyn always made one of my favorite Christmas treats, davinity candy. We always had fun at their place and 50 years later I still have dreams in my sleep occasionally of family gatherings at their place. That's what the Paulson family mean to me.

Tom Peterson, nephew - December 29, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ethelyn D. Paulson.



December 29, 2023 at 01:18 PM

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“ The California Smedshammers purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ethelyn D. Paulson.



The California Smedshammers - December 27, 2023 at 06:34 PM

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“ *Ethelyn played trumpet in the high school band. Ethelyn was 17 years old and wanted a better quality trumpet but money was tight at that time. So, she went to work for a family in Fargo as a house aide. She worked all summer and earned enough to buy her trumpet. The way she got to and from Fargo was hitching a ride with an acquaintance who drove a truck out of Litchville and agreed to give her a ride. Ethelyn really wanted that trumpet and had one at the end of summer.*

Oren Smedshammer - December 27, 2023 at 06:22 PM



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December 27, 2023 at 09:17 AM