



Fay Tangen

April 7, 1935 - April 10, 2009

Fay was born April 7, 1935 to Guy and Emma (Kern) Hopewell in the Tangen Maternity House in Lisbon, North Dakota. Fay grew up on her parents' farm north of Milnor, North Dakota, and attended rural school near their home. Fay was united in marriage to Neil Tangen of Kathryn, North Dakota on June 6, 1954, in Lisbon. They settled on the farm southeast of Kathryn where they raised their family. Fay worked in Valley City, North Dakota for many years. She loved flowers and gardening, devoting much of her time and energy to working at what was originally known as Fritche's Gardens, helping others envision what their own gardens would look like. In her later years, she worked at the Dairy Queen in Valley City, where she was known and loved by the people she served (most of Valley City and the surrounding community). Fay always put her family first and was full of love to all that were lucky enough to know her. Her concern for others was one of her most memorable qualities making her special to those that loved her far and wide. She belonged to Waldheim Lutheran Church and the local Ladies' Aid.

Fay is survived by her husband, Neil; her children, Deborah Tangen, Gillette, Wyoming; Sally Tangen (Kevin Nawman), Valley City; Tamera (Jerry) Stephens, Moreno Valley, California; Steven (Cara) Tangen, Todd (Leah) Tangen, Kevin (Connie) Tangen, and Tim (Jill) Tangen, all of Kathryn; 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Fay is also survived by one sister and three brothers, Shirley Funk, Lisbon, North Dakota; Marvin Hopewell, Milbank, South Dakota; Gerald (Geraldine) Hopewell, Kindred, North Dakota;

and Clark (Caroline) Hopewell, Mesa, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel, her parents, and her sister Lorraine Lundin.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church
5100 119 AVE SE
Kathryn, ND

Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember working with Fay at the greenhouse in the summer of 1994. She was so sweet and always put others ahead of herself, she always talked about her grandchildren and will be greatly missed. She was a great person whom I will miss deeply. Rest in Peace Fay.

Love, Mike, Holly, Jacob, Chelsey and Braeden

Olauson###imported-begin###Holly Olauson###imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We got to meet her a couple of times when we were visiting, and knew she was a special lady. Take comfort in each other, and in the wonderful memories you have of her. Sincerely, The Stenbergs###imported-begin###Denise, Nicole, and Nathan Stenberg###imported-end##

April 26, 2009 at 09:37 PM



“ You have my sympathy on Fays going home to be with her Lord. I am so happy I got to meet her at the Hopewell Family reunion. she made me feel so welcome and she will be missed by many. May God keep you in His care during this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Eloise Stram###imported-end##

April 22, 2009 at 05:09 PM



“ *Deb and family,
Sorry for your loss. I think of you often during this tough time. Take care.*
Susan##imported-begin##*Susan A. Cina*##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ *Fay touched lived far and wide. Hold fast to the memories and values that she showed by her example. She is with the Lord and many wonderful people that have gone before her.*
God Bless,
Karyl Meyer##imported-begin##*Karyl Meyer*##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 01:23 PM



“ *Deb and Family,*
Sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##*Nancy Williams*##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ *Tangen Family-we all are so sorry for your loss. If at anytime you need anything, don't be afraid to call us at anytime. Sorry we didn't get a chance to talk to any of you at the funeral, but there was just so many people, which was great to see, that shows she was truly blessed and loved by so many. Hold on to all the wonderful memories she left with you.*##imported-begin##*Wayne & Leah Thoreson & family*##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 01:17 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Fay's passing. What a wonderful LADY. She was always so kind...in the 40+ years I have known her she has always greeted me with a smile and a kind word. Heaven just got another of earths great ones. Thinking of you all.....**###imported-begin##Sandy Fee##imported-end##**

April 19, 2009 at 04:38 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing away of Fay. Whenever we went out to the ranch, I always enjoyed visiting all of you. I will remember Fay for her welcoming hospitality and wonderful homemade rolls. You are in my prayers.**###imported-begin##Jennifer Strum Harlow##imported-end##**

April 17, 2009 at 08:48 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time! We are thinking of you! Give us a ring if you need anything! Take care!**###imported-begin##Bob and Kristi Wieland and girls##imported-end##**

April 15, 2009 at 10:22 PM



“ I was so sad to see that Fay had passed away. I have many fond memories of coming out to the farm with my children. She was a good cook and always had a smile for everyone. I will keep you in my prayers and hope to see you at the prayer service.**###imported-begin##Cheryl Weller##imported-end##**

April 15, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ *Tanger family. especially Tammy and Debbie. I'm am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Fay was a wonderful lady with a smile on her face every time I saw her. You can be proud to call her your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gayle Mehus##imported-end##*

April 15, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ *Tangen family--We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Fay, she was a wonderful person and always carried a cheerful smile! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Brenda & Kevin White##imported-begin##Brenda & Kevin White##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 04:44 PM



“ *Leah, Todd and family~*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. In time the memories will bring a smile to your face and you will cherish all of them.

~Pam Fry and Family~##imported-begin##Pam Fry##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 04:03 PM



“ *Faye was an angel on earth! Her love for others always put a ray of sunshine into your day!*

To her family: Your mom will be that sparkling star in the sky that will always be there for you to talk to.

Your sadness is shared by the community and friends.

Sharon & Mike Brandvold##imported-begin##Sharon Brandvold##imported-end##

April 15, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ *Jill, Tim and family; so sorry to hear of your loss. May the Lord comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Warren Hanson (USDA) ##imported-end##*

April 15, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Fay's passing. Marv Hopewell is the father of my sister-in-law Corrine, and I also work with Sally at Open Door in Valley City. It is never easy to lose someone and just know that so many people hold you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Draw on each other and your memories for strength and healing.##imported-begin##Lisa McCulloch##imported-end##*

April 14, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ To the family of Fay Tangen. David and I Would like to extend our sympathy to you. Our thought's and prayers are with you at this time.

*David and Pam Pfaff and Family
Enderlin N.D##imported-begin##David and Pam Pfaff and
Family##imported-end##*

April 14, 2009 at 04:12 PM



“ It was with deep sadness that we heard about Aunt Fay's passing.

She was a truly remarkable woman and was an inspiration to us as to what family is all about.

We have very fond memories from our childhood when we would take our yearly vacations to visit our relatives in North Dakota.

Some of our favorites are when Aunt Fay would take us into Valley City shopping and especially the wonderful meals she would prepare.

She will be in our hearts and minds forever!!

We love you all -

*Susan, Dick & Patti, and Mike and Wendi##imported-begin##Susan
Worden##imported-end##*

April 14, 2009 at 08:39 AM