



## Gladys Irene Stevens

April 4, 2023

Gladys' funeral service will be live-streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/33028>  
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Gladys Stevens, 74, of Valley City, North Dakota passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at SMP Health-St. Raphael in Valley City under the care of CHI Hospice. The funeral service will be held 2:00 pm Friday, April 14, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour prior from 1-2pm. Burial will be in Sheyenne Valley Cemetery, rural Kathryn, ND in the spring.

Gladys Irene Sivertson was born on April 10, 1948 in Bottineau, North Dakota, the daughter of Selmer and Olga (Iverson) Sivertson. She was the youngest of 11 children raised in a small home in the Turtle Mountains. She attended school in Bottineau and later moved to Kathryn, ND where she lived with her brother and his family and graduated from Kathryn High School. She met the love of her life, Merrill Stevens, while living in Kathryn and they were married on October 20, 1967 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They made their home in Kathryn, welcoming a son, Curtis. In the fall of 1969, they moved to the Stevens farmstead in rural Valley City and later welcomed a daughter, Brenda. They continued to make their home and raise their family on the farm/ranch they loved so dearly.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kathryn. Gladys was the epitome of the perfect farmer's wife, keeping the home, caring for the children, cooking, baking, gardening, working, welcoming all that came to visit. She was a loving and caring wife, mom and grandmother. She was active in volunteering at the church, especially when it came to baking and bringing food for events. Once her children were older, she worked at the Kathryn Kountry Store and in the kitchen at the Eagles Club in Valley City as one of "Ruthie's girls". Gladys enjoyed being outside, mowing the lawn, gardening, baking, loved her old-time country music, and enjoyed a good game of pool. She made the home a welcoming spot for all family and friends to gather.

Gladys is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Merrill; son, Curtis (Terri) Stevens; daughter, Brenda (Kevin) White; grandchildren: Krysten White, Chelsea (Lance) Straabe, Tyler Stevens, Jory White, and Kacee White; great-grandchildren: Lennon, Nash, Peyton, and Sawyer; brother, Ken (Juliene) Sivertson; sister, Shirley (Lowell) Kofoid; sisters-in-law, Shirley Siverston and Fidelis Sivertson; brother-in-law, Jim Stevens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Selmer and Olga Sivertson; her siblings and their spouses: Orval "Bud" Sivertson, Sanford (Donna) Sivertson, Lloyd (Coleen) Sivertson, Glenn (Janet) Sivertson, Lyle (Mavis) Sivertson, Norman (Irene) Sivertson, Florence (John) Pedie, Evelyn Sivertson; her father and mother-in-law Alfred and Myrtle Stevens; brothers and sisters-in law and their spouses: Milo (Yvonne) Stevens; Earl (Shirley) Stevens; Joyce (Myron) Wallner; Gini Stevens, Michael Stevens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Sheyenne Valley Cemetery and CHI Hospice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral

Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ *My sympathies to Gladys' family. She was a welcoming lady and always good for a visit and she always knew you and said hello.*

Elizabeth Fick - April 21, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gladys Irene Stevens.*



April 11, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gladys Irene Stevens.*



April 10, 2023 at 06:42 PM

EH

“ *So sorry to hear that Gladys passed away. I remember Gladys slipping into Hanson's Jewelry to pick up a Avon book. She didn't want to bother us, so she would quietly slip in and get a book and leave. Sometimes I would wave at her when she waked by the window, then she would know that I had "caught" her. She would smile and wave to us. A lovely lady. My sympathy to her family.  
Estelle Hanson*

estelle hanson - April 06, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JZ

*My sympathies to Merrill, Brenda, Curt and families . Gladys was such a sweet lady, so fun to work with as one of "Ruthie's Girls at the Eagles Club. A good friend outside of work, enjoyed a good cup of coffee or two together through the years. Rest in peace Gladys my friend. Jan Zerface*

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**Jan Zerface** - April 06, 2023 at 09:26 PM

CN

*My sympathy to the family of Gladys. May she rest in peace.*

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**Carol Nelson** - April 06, 2023 at 09:55 PM

EP

*Dear Merrill and family, I'm so very sorry for your sad news. May God bless and comfort you today and in the days to come. Take care of you.*

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**Erllys Johnson Paul** - April 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SC

*I love this picture of Gladys, it is the way I will remember her. She always had a smile for you. My sympathies to the family.*

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**Sharon Clauson** - April 11, 2023 at 11:55 AM