



## Harriet Halvorson

July 8, 1918 - April 24, 2012

Harriet Luverne Halvorson was born July 8, 1918 in Svea Township, near Litchville in Barnes County, ND. She was the daughter of John and Jennie (Sarsten) Halvorson. Harriet attended Svea School, graduating in 1935. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Valley City State University, Valley City, ND in 1954 and her Master's Degree from the University of Wyoming at Laramie in 1966.

Harriet's teaching career spanned 40 years. The first 20 were spent teaching English, the last 20 years, she was a Jr. High School Councilor. She spent 8 years teaching in the North Dakota towns of Wheatland, Amenia, and Wishek. She then taught 3 years in Helena, MT. The last 29 years of her career were spent in Great Falls, MT. She retired in 1982 and moved to Valley City. Most recently, she was a resident of The Legacy Place.

Harriet was a church organist for over 83 years. She began playing at age 10. Some of her pastimes included sewing and music. After retiring, she learned to play ragtime music and took up rosemaling. Traveling was also one of the things Harriet enjoyed to do. She visited Norway on many occasions and also traveled to China and Korea.

She was a member of Elim Evangelical Free Church. For over 50 years, she belonged to Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a National Member of the Montana Teachers Association.

Harriet died on April 24, 2012 at Mercy Hospital, Valley City. She is survived by her brother, Richard (Milly) Hanson of Valley City, ND; sisters, Inez

Gunkelman of Fargo, ND and Avis Bourland of San Diego, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, I.O. Hanson; an infant sister, Lois Maxine Hanson and a sister, Alice Nelson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **27**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Elim Evangelical Free Church  
1141 9th St. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ dear tina and chandi just to let u know how much i eeojynd watching and voting 4 u on BGT. i have a blue merle border collie to called smokie the look alike to chandi is amazing i was with u all the way on bgt. and i love my dog as much as u love yours they r amazing dogs. she is 6 years old but so loving towards me nobody else gets a look in hope to c u again soon on tv thank u very much for your entertainment. p. morgan barrow in furness cumbria##imported-begin##Chepot##imported-end##

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May 17, 2012 at 05:16 PM



“ I was one of the lucky ones to be able to call her Auntie Harriet. She was such a lovely lady and I have many fond memories of our trips to North Dakota to visit her. She lived an amazing life and will truly be missed by so many. We rejoice that she is in Heaven and we'll join her one day.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Gregg##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences to our family in North Dakota over the passing of Cousin Harriet. I have enjoyed her letters over the years that help to keep us in touch with our family in North Dakota. She was truly a Great Lady and will be missed. Jalene and family##imported-begin##Jalene Megchelsen##imported-end##

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“ *Harriet was a dear friend and fellow Club Member in our Jack Frost Ragtime Society. I have many fond memories of her talent at playing ragtime, and her wonderful sense of humor.*##imported-begin##Yvonne McDonald##imported-end##

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