



Helen Louise Odegaard

August 11, 1929 - October 11, 2023

Helen Louise Odegaard, age 94, of Kathryn, North Dakota passed away at her farm home on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. A celebration of life service will be held at 1:30 pm, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. She will be laid to rest at Ringsaker Cemetery, rural Valley City.

Helen's service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/3800537>

Helen Louise Gardner was born August 11, 1929, in Jamestown, North Dakota to Theodore and Esmerald (Marple) Gardner. She grew up in Jamestown and attended school there, graduating from Jamestown High School in 1947.

In 1948, Helen married Oscar C. Odegaard from Medina, North Dakota and bought the farm where she spent her entire married life farming together. She married one who was quiet, calm, and peaceful. After a long time, farming, they managed to get their farm paid for. Oscar farmed and made hay for his shorthorn cattle to the end of his life with Helen always by his side.

Helen enjoyed gardening, horses, and painting pictures.

Helen is survived by her sons, Robin (Rosemary) of Peoria, Arizona, Thomas (Marilyn) of Valley City and Jerome of Kathryn, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 13 siblings and her daughter Nancy.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Ringsaker Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Kathy Gardner French lit a candle in memory of Helen Louise Odegaard*



Kathy Gardner French - October 17, 2023 at 03:19 PM

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Aunt Helen was one of my favorite aunts when I was younger, rode her horse, and played with cousins at her farm. Missed her dearly and my condolences and prayers to her families and cousins.

Kathy Gardner French - October 17, 2023 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Helen will always be remembered as the wonderful mother-in-law and grandma that she was. It was very nice that I was able to view the service on line. Thank you for that. Sincerest sympathy and condolences to the family. She will be missed. Paula Odegaard*

PAULA ODEGAARD - October 17, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen Louise Odegaard.*



October 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM

AM

“ It was always going to be an adventure visiting Helen at the farm! She treated us to “homemade” milk, horse rides and many family stories. Years later and a few different addresses since, I would receive letters from her with new stories and even a few old jokes. She was always interested in what dog we had and how we were all doing. My sympathies to all her family and friends.
Amy Goffe McBeth

Amy McBeth - October 16, 2023 at 02:45 PM

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“ Helen was always a family favorite! She was so kind and thoughtful. Helen was always willing to have someone visit and the stories about those visits are still told today. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed!

Sara Goffe Schafer

Sara Schafer - October 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM