



## Howard L. Oppegard

December 3, 1926 - March 6, 2024

The funeral service for Howard Oppegard, 97, Valley City, North Dakota will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Howard passed away Wednesday, March 6, at St. Rose Care Center, LaMoure, North Dakota.

Howard's funeral service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/922159262?share=cop>

Howard Lorenzo Oppegard, age 97, passed away March 6, 2024 at St. Rose Care Center, LaMoure, North Dakota. Howard was born on December 3, 1926, on his grandmother's farm located in Dazey Township, Barnes County, North Dakota, to Laura (Madsven) Oppegard. Howard was baptized (1927) and confirmed (1940) into the Lutheran faith at Our Saviours, Dazey ND, and graduated from Dazey High School in 1945. After a short stint with the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington, Howard graduated from Valley City State College.

Howard married Annamarie Watne in 1948. Over the years Howard lived a life of service as a high school English teacher, Lay Assistant at Bethany Lutheran Church Minot, a counselor at the North Dakota State Industrial School, Mandan; and the area supervisor for Lutheran Social Services.

Howard was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City.

In 1991 he married Carol (Olson) Toppen. Together they enjoyed 25 years of traveling to different places in the world. He always enjoyed a good dish of ice cream and the company of friends. Howard loved the country life, taking care of the land whether it be planting trees or gardening. He spent many hours working and fixing on his old tractors to keep them running.

Howard is survived by his wife Carol, 4 children: Ardelle (Dale) Lefor, Peoria, AZ; Dave (Anne) Oppegard, Sioux Falls, SD; Michael (Barb) Oppegard, Beach, ND; and Brady (Michelle) Oppegard, Mandan, ND; 10 grandchildren: Mark Oppegard, Scott Oppegard, Danielle Lefor, Shawn Lefor, Mitchell Lefor, Amber Nickerson, Nathan Oppegard, RaeLynn Davison, Joseph Oppegard, and Alyssa Oppegard. Howard is also survived by Carol's children Randy (Sue) Toppen, Valley City and Stacey (Mark) Nielsen, Valley City.

Howard was preceded in death by his mother Laura, his father John Oppegard, son Jerome "Jerry" Oppegard and sister Mildred "Dolly" Stearns.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ *My sympathy on the passing of Howard. A gentleman with a positive outlook.*

Tom Goven - March 13, 2024 at 03:36 PM

EO

“ *We attended the same church, and he was always friendly and visiting with us before the service. Our condolences to the family during this time. . O'Neil, Jan, and Elizabeth Oppegaard.*

Elizabeth A Oppegaard - March 12, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *- purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Howard L. Oppegard.*



-- March 11, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ *Howard truly was a God fearing man We always looked forward to his visits to Dickinson to hunt or just spend time with us He was such a kind man and never left without his special blessings from God coming from his heart We will miss him and we send our sincere sympathy to Carol and all of his family. Our children all remember him as being such a nice man. We pray the Lord is with you his family. In Christs love John Fran and family .*

John Hanstad - March 10, 2024 at 12:06 AM

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“ *Howard brought his energy, enthusiasm and knowledge to his Toastmasters club members for many years. He had a zest for life that inspired us all. May he rest in peace.*

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**Janet Schultz** - March 09, 2024 at 11:06 AM