



## Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury

March 27, 1931 - June 18, 2024

Juanita's funeral service can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/966916153>

The funeral service for Juanita "Nita" Tewksbury, Fargo, North Dakota formerly Edgeley, North Dakota will be 10:30 am, Monday June 24 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, North Dakota with visitation one hour prior. The burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Edgeley. Nita passed away June 18, 2024, at Eventide Fargo.

Juanita Belle (Olson) Tewksbury, 93, was born on her grandparents' farm near Edgeley, North Dakota on March 27, 1931. Her joys from childhood were her pony "Snooks", participating in 4-H and being crowned 2nd ever Dairy Queen. Nita graduated from Edgeley High School in 1949. In 1953, She graduated from NDSU and taught home economics in Barnesville, Minnesota before moving to Medina, North Dakota.

Nita married Richard Tewksbury on December 28, 1952. In 1956, they moved to Edgeley where they had a dairy and crop farm. They had three children. In 1998, they retired from farming, moved to Fargo, North Dakota and wintered in Mesa, Arizona. Richard died January 25, 2012.

Nita is survived by her children Deborah (Bobby) Koeplin, Scott (Jodi) Tewksbury and Kathy (Doug) Hegseth; grandchildren Mindi (Caleb) Leonard,

Jessie Koepplin, Jeremy (Paige) Koepplin, Shannon (Rick) Duerr, Allison (Andrew) Bauers, Austin Hegseth and Breanna Hegseth and four great grandchildren Mazzi and Nori Leonard, Teagan Koepplin and Calvin Bauers. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law Nick Roster, Lewellyn Tewksbury and sister-in-law Jeannie Bargaen.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Cleo Jean Roster and several sisters and brothers -in -law.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

Edgeley, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Nita's service was just right .... the message was by a pastor who knew her well. We were thankful to be there and renew friendship with Deb, Scott, and Kathy and see their families. Our families go back a long ways to Dairy Queen days and exhibiting cattle at the ND State Dairy Show. Being the 2nd chosen Dairy Princess was indeed a very big deal .... glad that she held on to that part of her life. Our sincere sympathy to all !

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**Durward Phyllis Otterness Family** - June 26, 2024 at 03:42 PM

CK

“ Aunt Nita was a kind soul, her smile and laughter was infectious. My deepest sympathies go out to my cousins, and their families. Cindy (Schacher) Kupfer.

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**Cindy (schacher) Kupfer** - June 23, 2024 at 01:31 PM

WH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Nita Tewksbury. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Wayne and Elaine Hankel** - June 21, 2024 at 09:46 PM

MR

“ Mark R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.

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**Mark R.** - June 21, 2024 at 04:24 PM

TR

“ The Roster's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.

The Roster's - June 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



June 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



June 21, 2024 at 02:43 PM

SV

“ Sharon, Chris, Jeanne, and Vicki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.

Sharon, Chris, Jeanne, and Vicki - June 21, 2024 at 02:29 PM

SV

“ Sharon, Chris, Jeanne, and Vicki purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



Sharon, Chris, Jeanne, and Vicki - June 21, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



June 21, 2024 at 12:10 PM

HB

“ Heartland State Bank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.

Heartland State Bank - June 21, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LG

“ Nita was such a neat and caring person. Some of my earliest memories are being at the fair and seeing her and Auntie Gladys with the Dairy princesses. The stories she had of living on the farm were amazing and entertaining. Rest in Peace dear Lady. Love you.  
LeeAnn Gilbertson

LeeAnn (Beckstrom) Gilbertson - June 21, 2024 at 11:24 AM

TT

“ *The Thrivent High Yield Team purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.*



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**The Thrivent High Yield Team** - June 21, 2024 at 10:10 AM

FB

“ *My heartfelt thoughts, love and prayers to Nita's children and families! I have fond memories of Nita, over the years! A sweet lady, warm smile..always a pleasant visit when our paths crossed at family events! Much love and hugs to each of you! Florence Baesler*



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**Florence Baesler** - June 20, 2024 at 11:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.*



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June 20, 2024 at 10:26 PM

KF

“ *Kelly Swanson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.*

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**Kelly Swanson and Family** - June 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM

KF

“ Kelly Swanson and Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



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**Kelly Swanson and Family** - June 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM

RS

“ I have so many fond memories on the Edgeley farm during the summer time and at Christmas with many of them containing of aunt Nita. May you rest in peace. Love you, Becky

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**rebecca Spicer** - June 20, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juanita "Nita" Belle Tewksbury.



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June 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM