



Kathryn Elaine Kvislen

June 13, 1928 - February 26, 2025

The funeral mass for Kathryn will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/5023743>

Kathryn “Kaye” Kvislen, 96, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2025, at Luther Memorial Home in Mayville, ND. A funeral service will be held at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Valley City on April 10th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Sanborn.

Kaye was born on June 13, 1928, to Mathias and Katherine Loendorf and grew up on the family farm southwest of Valley City, ND with her 9 siblings. She graduated from Sanborn High School in 1946, where she was a proud member of the Sanborn girls’ basketball team that won the Barnes County Girls’ Championship in her senior year.

It was at the Sanborn School Carnival that Kaye met the love of her life, Carl Kvislen. She playfully asked him for a lei, and he obliged—on the condition that she dance with him. That dance was the start of a beautiful love story. During that time, Kaye worked at Carl Myre Jewelry in Valley City, where she diligently polished and shined her ring—until one day, it was gone. Little did she know that Carl had a surprise in store, placing that very ring on her finger as a symbol of their love and commitment.

On November 25, 1948, Kaye and Carl were married at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Valley City. Together, they built a life centered around faith, love, and family, raising ten wonderful children.

Much of Kaye's life was devoted to caring for her family, but she also enjoyed working at Fetting's Bakery in Finley. She was active in her community, serving as a 4-H leader and member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Guild in Sanborn, and a singer with the St. Olaf's Catholic Church women's group in Finley.

One of her greatest joys was spending time at the family's cabin on Red Willow Lake. At times, it was a quiet sanctuary, and at others, it was filled with the laughter and energy of her children and grandchildren, creating memories that will be cherished for generations.

Kaye was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl; her parents; nine siblings; one daughter; and one grandson.

She is survived by her 10 children and their spouses—Tim (Candy) Kvislen, Mayville, ND; Mike (Delores) Kvislen, Hope, ND; Terry (Arlene) Kvislen, Ft. Pierre, SD; Karla (David) Martian, Grand Forks, ND; Janet (Dwight) Hendrickson, Ypsilanti, ND; Darwin (Debbie) Kvislen, Grand Forks, ND; David (Nicki) Kvislen, Cando, ND; Dan (Lori) Kvislen, Durand, WI, Paul (Melissa) Kvislen, Kindred, ND; Ronda (Daniel) Milender, Litchfield, MN; 30 Grandchildren; 43 Great Grandchildren; and 2 Great Great Grandchildren. Kaye's legacy of love, kindness, and faith will live on in the hearts of her family and all who were blessed to know her.

The Vigil Service for Kathryn will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/4964418>

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Sanborn, ND

Previous Events

Prayer Service

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Mass

APR 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Catherine Catholic Church
540 3rd Ave. NE
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 16, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - March 03, 2025 at 06:15 PM

JF

“ *Janice F. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.*



Janice F. - April 08, 2025 at 02:44 PM

RS

“ Hi Kvislen Family.....I have told this before.....but, is worth repeating....and goes back 40 plus years.....to when I was working at the Finley bank....yes, I am getting old, too.....I had a customer who had financial problems at the time....over spending was his problem.....so, I had a meeting with him....during the meeting I asked him “who are the most successful people in Finley”.....I said “you are missing some and at the top of my list is Carl and Kaye Kvislen”.....I think he got the message.....I went on to say they did not have big incomes and had a big family.....but, they worked their butts off.....and, were good people and always lived within their means....which, I am sure, wasn't always easy.....in my opinion Kaye was a “10”.....may God bless her memory.....Richard Solberg

Richard Solberg - April 03, 2025 at 10:58 AM

KM

“ I want to thank all who have sent thoughts, prayers & such beautiful stories & memories of our Mom. She touched many people with her smiles & laughter. Mom & Dad were awesome examples of how to live your life & treat people with respect. I loved when I would run into people who would say, “you have to be one of Carl & Kaye’s kids, you look just like them”. I have had the honor of being named after both Dad & Mom. Mom always had a lot of quality time for all of us kids. The fun thing was when she needed someone to get something for her she went through everybody’s name trying to get the kids she was calling!

LUV YA Mom
Karla



Karla Martian - March 21, 2025 at 07:04 PM

PW

“ Our sympathies to the family! Cherish your memories! Pam & Russell Walcker

Pamela Walcker - March 16, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.

March 15, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.



March 15, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.

March 15, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.



March 15, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.

March 15, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ I send my sympathies to this whole big wonderful family. I've been scrolling through the pictures and thinking how many pictures you must have of Kathryn holding a baby , either her own, grands or greats. I'm sorry I missed out on many wonderful stories that I'm sure were shared about your mom. Peace to you all as you remember the blessings of a good mother . Helen (Sundquist) Olson

Helen Olson - March 06, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories of Kathryn Album



Kristen - March 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM



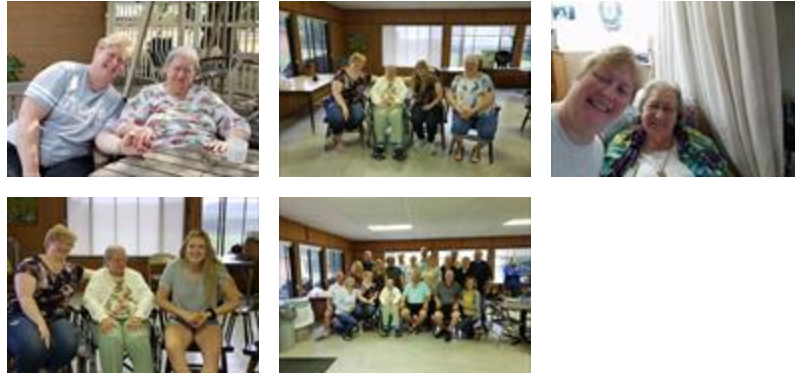
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.



March 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RM

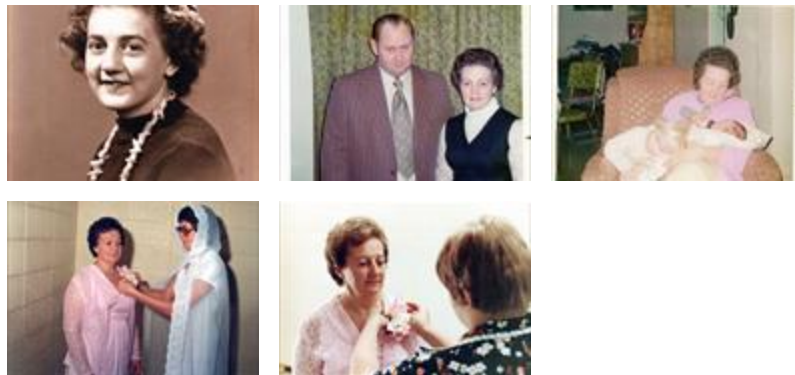
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Ronda Milender - March 04, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MK

“ 71 files added to the album Memories of Kathryn Album



Michelle Keil - March 03, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Kathryn Album



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - March 03, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.



March 03, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Your Mother was indeed a Blessing to your family and so many others!! She definitely earned Her Place in Heaven, and we have to be joyous that your parents are together again! May your memories bring you joy...

Joyce Johansen - March 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Rest in peace with our Lord, Kaye. We have many memories of our friendship in Finley. Our sympathies to all. She loved her family!

teresa McElroy - February 28, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. Cherish all the good times. May she rest in peace.

Candy kapaun and dan wingenbach - February 28, 2025 at 03:22 PM



Candy, This is Janet Kvislen Hendrickson. Mavis called and was wondering if I could send your Mother a pamphlet from Mom's Prayer Service. I would like to but Mavis wasn't sure which was Alice's current address. If you could send me her address I will gladly send her one. Will be waiting to hear from you. Phone 701-489-3225

Janet Hendrickson - March 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.

February 28, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathryn Elaine Kvislen.



February 28, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Kay's family. Exceptional lady. Rest in Peace and God Bless.*

Jeff Kapaun



Jeff Kapaun - February 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM



I have many great memories of when all the cousins got together for Grandma/Great Grandma's birthday parties & family reunions on the family farm. Thank you for reaching out with your thoughts & prayers they are very much appreciated! God bless you. Karla Kvislen (Martian)

Karla Martian - February 28, 2025 at 02:44 PM



My sympathies to the family.

Virgil Babinski - March 02, 2025 at 01:01 PM