



## Kay Lorene Willson

May 28, 1948 - April 14, 2019

Kay Lorene (Gaskey) Willson, 70, of Valley City, ND formerly Litchville, lost her struggle with cancer on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City.

Kay was born May 28, 1948 in Lima, Ohio to Irvin and Laura (Brentlinger) Gaskey. She was confirmed at Grace Methodist Church in Lima. Following her graduation from Elida High School in Ohio, she attended and graduated from Jamestown College in 1970 earning her degree in teaching.

Kay was united in marriage to Robert Willson August 16, 1968, recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. To this union is their daughter Victoria and son Todd. Kay taught elementary school in Courtenay, ND then moving to the Litchville, ND area teaching elementary school in Litchville and finishing her career with the Litchville-Marion School District in 2012.

Kay and Robert moved to Valley City November of 2016. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran WELCA – Mary Circle and NDEA. Kay enjoyed reading, gardening, and traveling, especially to visit her children and grandchildren.

Kay is survived by her husband, Robert Willson, Valley City; daughter, Victoria (Steve) Burnley, El Paso, TX ; son, Todd Willson, Harrisberg, SD; and grandchildren; Sydney Burnley, Emma Burnley, Autumn Willson, Connor Willson, and Danesa Willson.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 am Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Litchville, ND. Visitation will be Friday, April 19, 2019 from 2-4 pm with a prayer service at 4 pm at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley

City, ND. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church.  
Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Litchville.  
Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan  
Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at  
[olivernathanchapel.com](http://olivernathanchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Litchville, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

APR 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church (Griswold)  
5809 Co Rd 60 SE  
Litchville, ND

## Funeral Service

APR 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church (Griswold)  
5809 Co Rd 60 SE  
Litchville, ND



# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences on your loss of Kay. She was a very caring lady. Prayers sent to Bob, Todd, and Vicky and other family.* ”

Janice Hoyt Van Winkle - April 21, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kay Lorene Willson.* ”



April 18, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay Lorene Willson.* ”



April 18, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *Mrs. Wilson was my teacher in Courtenay I have fond memories of her. She was always so nice and caring. She will be missed. Thoughts, prayers and hugs to all the family.* ”

Sally Morehouse - April 18, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay Lorene Willson.*



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April 18, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *There is no words that could Express the loss of Mrs Willson. I was very fortunate to know her and Bob and family. She made an impression with anyone she met. She always found the good in everyone. You would never see her have a bad day, because she always had that infectious smile. Kay and her family opened their house to me and treated me like I belonged. Oh Kay by the way, I still have a hard spelling. In fact the Dr. I worked with hated missed spelled words. She finally gave up on that. Kay you have earned your golden wings. You will certainly be missed until we meet up again.*

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**Stephanie Pederson** - April 18, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Mrs Willson was my fourth grade teacher and my two girls were lucky enough to have her as a teacher also. She was absolutely my favorite teacher and as a parent visiting with her about my kids is when I seen her true passion for teaching. She was excited to show you the projects they were working on. We were also lucky to attend the same church where is was not only a teacher, but a friend. My heart goes out to your family for your loss.*

*Robin Miedema*

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**Robin Miedema** - April 18, 2019 at 09:12 AM

MB

“ I never had Mrs. Willson as a teacher because I went to a neighboring school; however, Kathryn had a sports co-op with Litchville my senior year. I remember helping carry groceries into her home one time. My first impression of Mrs. Willson and her family was that you'll never meet anyone nicer! I'm sending thoughts and many prayers your way 🙏  
Mitch Bjerke

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**Mitch Bjerke** - April 18, 2019 at 08:38 AM

BS

“ Kay and I were friends while attending Jamestown College. She went back to my home town of Buffalo, ND to visit my family on several weekends. We had so much fun. My parents really enjoyed her. She had such a great sense of humor. I am sorry to hear of her death. I send my condolences to her family.  
Bev (Melvin) Slager

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**Beverly Slager** - April 17, 2019 at 12:03 AM

LM

“ Mrs. Willson was my 5th and 6th grade teacher in Courtenay. I have wonderful memories of her, I still think about how much I learned about all of the States. Thinking of you all! May God bless you!

Lisa Schuchard Marchus

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**Lisa Marchus** - April 16, 2019 at 09:15 AM

BB

“ Mrs. Willson defined awesome and those of us who called her teacher are fortunate! Not only did she make sure we learned the Rs, she also made sure we were growing in the right direction. I cannot think of a better legacy.

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**Brian Bubach** - April 16, 2019 at 09:00 AM

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“ *A reason, a season, a lifetime. Kay was in my life for a reason and a lifetime. She always had a positive twist on something that started negative and laugh about it. And onward! She had such energy, but still stopped to visit, be encouraging. I don't know how many times she surprised me with flowers and it was always when I needed to know someone cared. If I could emulate my life of someone, she's one of them. I love you Kay. Until we meet again.*

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**Elizabeth Fick** - April 15, 2019 at 09:27 PM