



Laura M Bailey

October 7, 1917 - January 16, 2015

Laura Octavia Melsted Bailey Valley City, ND, formally of Wishek and Bismarck, ND was born on October 7, 1917, in Pembina, ND. Of Icelandic descent she was the tenth child born to Sigurdur M. and Rosa (Torfason) Melsted and the only one not born on the family farm near Mountain, ND, where she grew up. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Laura passed away on January 16, 2015 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City.

After graduating from Mountain High School in 1935, she completed a secretarial and bookkeeping course at Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, MO. Later she was employed by the Cross and Blackwell Company in Chicago, IL. In 1940, Laura moved to Wishek, ND and began working at the FDIC office.

She married William G. Bailey on September 18, 1943. Bill was a partner in the Wishek Livestock Market before he and Laura became the sole owners. Laura was the bookkeeper there as well as at several other livestock sales rings in the state while Bill was buying and selling cattle. Bill passed away in 1978.

In 1980 Laura moved to Bismarck and lived there until moving to Valley City in 2012.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, Magnus (Inga), Hannes, and Kristjan; six sisters, Mathilda (Joe) Kristjanson, Helga (Louis) Temme, Elin (Thorlakur) Bjornson, Thorey (Arthur) Zimmerman, Freda Griffiths, and Esther Melsted. Her many nieces and nephews, those currently living and those who preceded her in death, always held a very special place in her heart and life.

The funeral for Laura will be 2 pm Tuesday, January, 20, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City with Rev. Emmy Swedlund officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service in the church. Burial will be Wednesday, 2 pm at the Wishek City Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Laura is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Wishek City Cemetery

PO Box 41
Wishek, AK 58495

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Laura was very special to us, she was a second mom to Victor, always a lady and so much fun to be with, we may not be able to come to Valley City, I had surgery a week ago and am house bound , Victor may be able to depending on the roads, cherish the memory of such a wonderful lady.
RIP Laura, we love you.
Jo and Vic Vilhauer*

jo - January 19, 2015 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura M Bailey.*



January 19, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura M Bailey.*



January 19, 2015 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Jo Vilhauer purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Laura M Bailey.*



Jo Vilhauer - January 19, 2015 at 09:53 AM