



## Lavina Gorden

February 13, 1925 - May 14, 2011

Lavina Mae Downing was born on February 13, 1925 in Ada, MN, the daughter of Bert and Emma (Edwards) Downing. As a young girl, her family moved to Waubun, MN where she attended school. Following her schooling, she worked in Fargo, ND.

On April 6, 1945, she married Leonard Gorden in Moorhead, MN. They made their home on a farm near Marion, ND, until retiring and moving to Valley City, ND in 1971. Leonard and Lavina lived there for five years before moving to Mesa, AZ where they stayed for thirteen years. In 1989, they moved back to Valley City.

She became a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City, after transferring her membership at High Prairie Lutheran Church, rural LaMoure, ND. Lavina liked to bake and sew. She made many lovely crocheted doilies and beautiful quilts.

Lavina will be greatly missed. She died at the Villa Maria in Fargo, ND on May 14, 2011. She is survived by her daughters, Shirley (Darrel) Sedevie of Minot, ND and Beverly (Larry) Wang of Fargo, ND; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a brother, Elmer of Brainerd, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister; and 4 brothers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ I was so sorry to hear of Lavina's passing. She and Leonard were so helpful when my Grandpa Bud passed away. Of course they have always visited my Grandma Mary in LaMoure every few weeks and were always a part of Horseraddish harvest and card playing.

*She will be missed!*

*Mitch and Heavin Maier*

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“ Bev-  
We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Michelle and Ian Craig##imported-end##

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“ We will miss our sweet Aunt Lavina, will always remember her kindness and quiet, gentle way. God Bless You, Aunt Lavina.##imported-begin##Judy & Rick Vee##imported-end##

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