



## Leonard Gorden

August 30, 1919 - November 21, 2010

Leonard Carl Matthew Gorden was born to Matt and Lena (Johnson) Gorden on August 30, 1919 in LaMoure County, ND. He attended Gladstone Township School near Marion, ND. Leonard worked on the family farm with his father and brothers.

On April 6, 1945, he married Lavina Downing in Moorhead, MN. They farmed with his family for a year and then bought the family farmstead. They farmed at Marion for 26 years and raised cattle, sheep, chickens, pigs, horses, grain, and hay. They sold the farm when he retired from farming in 1971 and they moved to Valley City, ND, where he worked for the creamery.

In 1976, they moved to Mesa, AZ and were caretakers for people's homes. He was a maintenance man for Sunland Village for 13 years. They moved back to Valley City in 1989.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and formerly a member of High Prairie Lutheran Church, rural LaMoure. Leonard was on the Marion School Board and Cemetery Board at High Prairie Church. He was an member of the Eagles.

Leonard died at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND on November 21, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lavina; daughters, Shirley (Darrell) Sedeive of Minot, ND and Beverly (Larry) Wang of Fargo, ND; sisters, Dorothy McCleskey of Hoodspert, WA, Mary Maier of LaMoure, ND and Christine Hermanson of Valley City, ND; 4 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers; and 7 sisters.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley, Red and family,

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Melissa and Monte Avery##imported-begin##Melissa Avery##imported-end##*

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November 29, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ Linda and I wish everyone all the best that life has to offer. We missed seeing Uncle Leonard again since our visit in 2007, but I am very glad that I can be here to bid him farewell and God bless Lavina, Shirley, and Beverly.##imported-begin##Ken Strom##imported-end##

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November 26, 2010 at 05:51 PM



“ I offer my sincere sympathy to you Lavina and all your family. Don##imported-begin##Don Anderson##imported-end##

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November 25, 2010 at 07:31 AM



“ My sincere sympathy Lavina. Missed seeing you at the senior dances. Now we are both widows. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gen##imported-begin##Gen Westland##imported-end##

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November 24, 2010 at 07:49 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy for your loss. Now Leonard and Dad can get caught up with all the news. Maybe even play some cribbage or pinochle. Glad Mom was able to see him before she left for Arizona. Thoughts and prayers are with you, Shirley and Bev.*  
*Sharon Jordan###imported-begin##Sharon (Bassen)*  
*Jordan###imported-end##*

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November 24, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ *My Sincere Sympathy*

*Remembering Leonard from the Senior Center, Playing cards and being a part of activities. He was a "Regular" at "Fall Festival", filling Coffee cups. We had many a friendly visit. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Lester Speicher##imported-end##*

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November 23, 2010 at 09:59 PM