



## Leslie "Les" Breitbach

January 13, 1932 - October 16, 2019

Leslie D. Breitbach, 87, Fargo, North Dakota formerly of Valley City, North Dakota passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Bethany on University. Leslie Daniel Breitbach was born January 13, 1932 in Luverne, North Dakota, the son of Sylvester and Sophia (Jacobsen) Breitbach. He attended and graduated from Luverne high school in 1950. He farmed for a while and worked for the railroad until going to basic training on his 21st birthday. He served in the Korean War for eleven months. After his discharge he attended NDSU and graduated with an Agronomy degree. He worked for Production Credit Association (PCA) in LaMoure. Les was united in marriage to Phyllis Frahm on August 20, 1960 in Wimbledon, North Dakota. They moved and worked in St. Paul, Minnesota where their two children Jane and Mark were born. The family moved to Fargo in 1964 where he continued work with PCA. In 1967, they moved to Valley City where he began working for American National Bank as an Ag lender. The bank went through several ownership changes while he worked there including Northwestern Bank, Norwest Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. He retired in 1986. Les then began working with Wells Fargo Insurance until retiring again in 1997. Phyllis passed away July 25, 2015.

Les was an avid NDSU Bison football fan. He has had season tickets for almost 50 years. He enjoyed grooming his lawn and his flower gardens. Les and his son, Mark also attended many of the Valley City State University basketball games and wrestling matches. He was an important part of

organizing the judging and display of grain samples at the ND Winter Show with over 20 years of involvement and he was the 2008 Crop Show Honoree. Les was involved in many organizations including the American Legion, Eagles, Elks, Kiwanis, VFW and Barnes County Wildlife. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Senior Center and a board member for Job Corps. He also served many years on the Valley City School Board and his signature is on both his children's high school diplomas.

He is survived by his son Mark, Fargo; daughter Jane Ann (Jeff) Anderson, Fargo; four grandchildren, Matthew (Kris) Breitbach, David Breitbach, Emily Breitbach and Brandon (Chrissy) Berg; three great grandchildren; brothers Dwain (Phil) Breitbach, John (Marianne) Breitbach, Nick (Barb) Breitbach; sisters Mary (Doug) Campbell and Karen (Kevin) Martindale.

Les was preceded in death by his parents; wife Phyllis; a sister Marcella; and a brother Joseph.

Blessed is the memory of Les, as now he is dancing with his favorite dance partner, Phyllis, in heaven.

Visitation for Les will be 5-7 pm Sunday, October 20, 2019, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City, followed by a prayer service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at 10:30 am Monday, October 21 at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Prayer Service

OCT **20**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Leslie "Les" Breitbach



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 18, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Mark, Jane and family,  
Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief.

Lloyd Nelson family - October 21, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ 112 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 18, 2019 at 04:02 PM

GB

*Mark & Jane - What a great guy! Shared farm/small town life (I was from near Dazey), army time, railroad employment, college/fraternity, & business relationships. Les will be missed by so many folks. I look forward to seeing him with Jesus! Gerry Bender*

**Gerry Bender** - October 18, 2019 at 06:53 PM



*Thank you so much Gerry. Dad always enjoyed your phone calls and your visits when you were back in N.D.*

**Mark Breitbach** - October 22, 2019 at 03:00 PM

LR

*So sorry for your loss Mark and Jane. Your father was such a wonderful man and such a sense of humor. He will be missed by many people.*

**Lori Hanson Ritchey** - December 03, 2019 at 10:53 PM

LA

“ *Mark& Family,  
Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Laurie Anderson*

**Laurie Anderson** - October 18, 2019 at 10:49 AM

RK

“ *Mark and family - condolences on the loss of your Dad. Thinking of you and your family as you gather to celebrate his wonderful life.*

**Rhonda Kitch** - October 18, 2019 at 10:19 AM



*Rhonda : So good to hear from you ! Dad was ready to go / to move on. His quality of life had been diminishing fast the past year or so. He also kind of lost his purpose when my mom passed back in July 2015. Take care, and thanks ! -Mark.*

**Mark Breitbach** - October 22, 2019 at 03:06 PM