



Lila Mae Bitz

March 28, 1934 - April 13, 2017

The funeral service for Lila M. Bitz, 83, Valley City, North Dakota will be 10:30 am Friday, April 21, 2017 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Thursday at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City. She passed away Thursday afternoon, April 13 at Sanford Palliative Care, Fargo, North Dakota. Lila Mae Harstad was born March 28, 1934 in Jamestown, North Dakota, the daughter of Michael and Gertrude (Wendel) Harstad. She grew up in the Sanborn, North Dakota area and attended country school. She graduated from Sanborn High School in 1952. She was united in marriage to Edward D. Bitz on March 17, 1952 in Jamestown. They lived in Jamestown before moving to Williston, North Dakota in 1953. In 1956, they moved to Valley City. Lila worked many years in the Register of Deeds office at the Barnes County Court House. Ed died January 17, 2002.

She was a member of Epworth United Methodist church where she was active in the choir for many years. She was also a life member of AmVets Auxiliary. Lila is survived by two sons, Edward Bitz, Jr., Jamestown and Jerome (Cindy) Bitz, Sunland, California; two daughters, Susan Ellison (Sam Karels), West Fargo, North Dakota and Lori (Glenn) Koebernick, Rogers, North Dakota; nine grandchildren; Megan, Glenn Jr., Aaron, Chris, Tara, Sheena, Hilary, Shannon, and Courtney; 16 great grandchildren; Dylan, Jocelyn, Kiel, Preston, Elliott, Miko, Brandon, Anthony, Ethan, Jace, Olivia, Kade, Alice, Harvey, Grace, and Hank. She is also survived by two sisters, Angeline

Harstad, Valley City and Joyce (David) Smiley, Marysville, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Lila can be found at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Rhoda Dillon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lila Mae Bitz.



Rhoda Dillon - April 19, 2017 at 10:05 PM

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“ Always enjoyed seeing Lila in my office during my practice years. A wonderful lady. God's blessings to all the family. J Dennis Nelson Melbourne Fl

j dennis nelson retired optometry - April 18, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lila Mae Bitz.



April 17, 2017 at 10:08 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss of Lila. May Gods promise in Isaiah 25:8 provide you with comfort during this difficult time.

Char - April 17, 2017 at 07:45 AM

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“ *My sympathy to the family, I was a neighbor to Ed and Lila and family for some years, we would get together at times, I loved to hear Lila play the guitar and sing. They were great neighbors, loved them both. I am currently in Oregon, however on one of my last visits to Valley City, I visited with Lila and was happy to have had the opportunity. Two of my children were born in VC, Mickey and Jennifer, they currently reside in Oregon.*

Jerry Bouck - April 15, 2017 at 12:09 AM