



## Lillian Jacobson

August 23, 1919 - April 19, 2015

Lillian Jacobson, 95, Valley City, ND, died Sunday, April 19 in Mercy Hospital. She was born on August 23, 1919 on the family farm near Fingal, ND. She was the 11th child born to Halvor P. and Ida (Maasjo) Langemo. She completed eight grades in a one room rural country school in 7 years. Lillian graduated from Valley City High School as a valedictorian of her class. She attended Valley City State Teachers College majoring in English with minors in Biology and Library Science, being the first in her family to earn a baccalaureate degree. Over a period of forty years she held library positions in several schools and colleges in ND, OR, MN and IL. Within a few months at her new position at Valley City State, she met John Jacobson. They dated rather regularly, and in a few months decided to marry on February 1, 1957 at Our Savior's Church in Valley City. In 1980 both Lillian and John retired and spent 19 winters in Arizona, plus twice traveled to Norway and Sweden. John passed away on January 7, 2005.

Lillian remained loyal to Our Savior's Lutheran Church being active in WELCA, Circles and Archives committee. She has been part of V500 at Valley City State University since its inception. In 2007, she was recognized with the VCSU Alumni Service Award. Lil was a 50 plus year member of Delta Kappa Gamma and American Library Association. She never forgot a birthday and was always interested in her extended family's lives.

Lillian is survived by a sister, Ruth Steen of Fargo, and a brother, Howard of Valley City; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

her husband, John; her parents; 11 brothers and sisters.

The funeral service for Lillian will be 1:30 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the funeral Thursday, beginning at 10:00 AM. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Valley City.

Memorials are encouraged to be given to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, Valley City State University, or the giver's choice.

The Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with handling arrangements for Lillian's service. Please visit [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com) to sign the online guestbook and leave a message for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *This amazing lady will always hold a uniquely special place in our hearts. For me and my family our first encounter with Lillian was when she was the librarian for all of the grades at the Valley City Lab school. In college, I followed her inspiration and chose library science as my minor. During this time, she was the library director at VCSC. She was a model of grace and kindness. We were the Pedersen farm kids and she never forgot any of us. In later years when she saw in the news something about our children she quickly made the association and remembered to make a comment when we met. Our lifelong love for reading and books can be contributed in part to this great lady! We were blessed by knowing Lillian and now honor her memory. Diane (Pedersen) Bjerke and siblings: Carol (Pedersen) Gee, Bertel Pedersen, Pamella (Pedersen) Perkins, David Pedersen*

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**Diane Bjerke** - April 23, 2015 at 10:43 AM

ML

“ *With sympathy to you and your family at this sad time.*

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**marilyn Lahlum** - April 23, 2015 at 08:09 AM

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“ *She was our special Aunt Lil to all of us nephews and nieces - you could always count on receiving a birthday card from her. We'll miss you very much sweet lady. Say "Hi" to my Dad, your brother, Walt, when you get there. Rest in peace knowing you were loved, very much, by a whole lot of people.*  
*Bob Langemo*

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**Bob Langemo** - April 22, 2015 at 11:10 PM

NC

“ My mom, Edna Carlson Neibauer, formerly of Valley, now of Mentor, MN, has been friends with Lillian since college. They have continued to correspond via mail, email, and we always enjoyed having lunch with her each May when we made the trip to Valley to fix the family graves. This is a tough loss since Lillian was her last living friend in Valley City. We will miss her so much when we come next month, and will remember her always as such a nice, kind and classy lady!!Blessed be the memory of Lillian Jacobson!

*Nancy Neibauer-Cole  
Moorhead*

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**Nancy Cole** - April 22, 2015 at 03:30 PM

JJ

“ Lillian was a special person my life. I first met her when I was in grade school and she was our librarian. Our lives continued to intersect when her brother Henry Langemo became my stepfather and again when I married Neil Jacobson her husband John's nephew (I always said she was my aunt x 2). Lillian was a kind and gentle lady and will be greatly missed.

*Sent with love, Jean Jacobson*

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**Jean Jacobson** - April 22, 2015 at 12:53 PM

BE

“ *Deepest sympathy to Lillian's family, friends and community. I was fortunate to get to know Lillian through her nephew Marshall; renting the apartment upstairs on Central Avenue while I taught out at North Central. I would also see her while attending church services at Our Saviours with my Grandmother DeLores Ust. Lillian always had time to visit and was interested in how things were going with me. She will be deeply missed by all the lives she touched. Blessed be her memory!*

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**Becky (Ust) Elliott** - April 22, 2015 at 12:42 PM

SW

“ *I reconnected with Lillian while my mother was a resident of Sheyenne Care Center. We stayed in touch after my mother's passing by way of e-mail, phone or personal visits whenever I returned to Valley City.*

*I am thankful for her friendship these past several years and will truly miss having her in my circle of friends.*

*God has welcomed a Christ-Bond Servant into His Loving Arms.*

*In sympathy,*

*Shelley Williamson*

*Commerce, GA*

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**Shelley Williamson** - April 21, 2015 at 11:42 AM

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“ *Lillian was a special lady in every way. Not only was she a Valley City State University icon, she was a dear friend. I would often seek her counsel and advice. She had unusual insight and common sense. She cared deeply and it showed. Few had more of a passion for VCSU than Lillian. Lillian loved the university and VCSU loved her. She was an inspiration and so much more. She set the bar high. She will be missed. Larry Robinson, Executive Director of University Advancement, VCSU.*

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**Larry Robinson** - April 21, 2015 at 11:30 AM