



## Marian Gerntholz

August 4, 1937 - March 13, 2014

The funeral service for Marian Gerntholz, 76, Valley City, ND, will be 2:00 PM, Monday, March 17, 2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Sanborn, ND.

Visitation will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City on Sunday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A prayer service will be held there beginning at 7:00.

Marian Joyce Huether was born August 4, 1937 to William and Rosella (Mathias) Huether in Lisbon, ND. She grew up on the family farm near Elliott, ND, attended grade school there and graduated from Lisbon, ND, High School in 1955. She attended Concordia College, Moorhead, MN for one year, and graduated from NDSU in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics and minors in Related Arts and Science. She lived to learn, taking various classes at VCSU through the years.

Marian was united in marriage to Gereld "Gerry" Gerntholz on June 28, 1959 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lisbon, ND. They made their home near Sanborn, ND, where they farmed until 1999, when they moved into Valley City, ND.

She was a people person, not many persons lived in Barnes or Ransom County that she didn't know or know of. But family was number one – school activities such as concerts, football and basketball games, and track meets were fun, but holiday get-togethers and birthday parties were her favorite thing.

She loved the farm and the work involved in it and was active in church, school and community activities besides. Marian was organist at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lisbon during her high school years and organist at Bethel Lutheran in Rogers, ND for many years as well as council member, Sunday school teacher and WELCA member and officer. She was president of Women of the ALCW Jamestown Conference 4 years and attended several national conventions.

Marian substitute taught at several Barnes County schools and totally enjoyed the young people. She was a 4H Leader for 21 years, taught several classes for the Barnes County Extension office, and organized and judged "Make it With Wool" contests, and judged 4H events in several adjacent counties.

Marian was an Anderson Homemakers Club member since 1959, but the North Dakota Winter Show Women's Board and its activities was her thing for about 50 years. The first part of March was her favorite time of year. She was honored by the North Dakota Association of Fairs as Fair Person of the Year in 2011.

Other community activities she was involved in included serving on the Mercy Hospital Advisory Board, V-500 Board, the Sheyenne Care Center Board and District 24 Republican Party.

Besides farming with Gerry, she was also his legislative campaign manager and made sure everything was shipshape when he was gone with National Guard and legislative activities.

Marian died March 13, 2014 at home in Valley City after a valiant, yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer that claimed her body but not her spirit.

She is survived by her husband, Gerry; her children and grandchildren, Greg and Judy Gerntholz, Sanborn and their family, Katherine and William; Beth and Dana Didier, Eckelson, and their family, Daniel Wieland, Luke Wieland, Blake Didier and Bryn Didier; Steve and Tamie Gerntholz, Sanborn, and their family, Logan, Cole, and Riley. She is also survived by her mother, Rose Mekvold, Lisbon, ND; a sister, Janice and Grover Riebe, Gwinner, ND; and a brother, William, Nisswa, MN; sisters-in-law, Joyce Huether, Lisbon, ND, Judy

Huether, Fargo, ND, and Marsha Huether, Savage, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jon David; son-in-law, Thomas Wieland, Jr.; father, William R. Huether; brothers, Richard Huether, David Huether, and an infant brother, Howard Huether.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3400 SE 106th Ave.  
Sanborn, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

MAR 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Marian Gerntholz



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Marian's Family Carrie Maresh

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**Carrie Maresh** - March 25, 2014 at 10:39 AM

BD

“ Betty Dallmann lit a candle in memory of Marian Gerntholz



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**betty dallmann** - March 24, 2014 at 07:38 PM

DK

“ Gerry: Sorry to hear about your loss. Marian will be missed by all, but we know mostly by you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dick and Donna Kupitz

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**Dick and Donna Kupitz** - March 18, 2014 at 07:42 AM

VF

“ Gerry.....We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Marion. We are wintering out of state and could not attend the service, but please know that our thoughts are with you and your family. Although Marion is in a much better place, one without pain, we know how hard it had to have been to see her go. May God have mercy on her soul and help you thru these difficult times.

*Vern and Margaret Fetch*

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**Vern Fetch** - March 17, 2014 at 08:22 PM

JL

“ Gerry and family, we send our heartfelt condolences for the loss of such an important part of all our lives. We simply have to remember how important she was in so many lives. All the best to each of you now and in the future. Share memories and enjoy each others presence. Love, from Janet and Roald Lund

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**Janet Lund** - March 17, 2014 at 09:32 AM

KR

“ Gerry and Family - Sorry to hear about Marion. It was great that you people stopped to see us when in Arizona. We enjoyed visiting and remembering all the good times at the Winter Show. We also appreciated the trips we took with you. We will miss her very much. Sorry we won't be about to be at the funeral but will see you when we get home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Ken & Diane*

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**Ken & Diane Rasmusson** - March 16, 2014 at 09:39 PM

JA

“ Steve, Tamie and Family - Sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you guys.

*Jeff Aas*

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**Jeff Aas** - March 16, 2014 at 09:00 PM

TT

“ Dear Gerry, Greg, Beth, Steve, and the entire Gerntholz family - simply put, Marion was a ray of sunshine, a positive, encouraging person, and a class act. I am honored and privileged to have known her and called her my friend. May her faith in all things good, her indomitable spirit, grace, courage, and example carry you through these difficult days ahead and throughout your lives. God's blessings. Terry (Schwehr) Tucker

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**Terry Tucker** - March 16, 2014 at 01:50 PM

JJ

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.

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**Jeff Joyce** - March 16, 2014 at 12:44 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of Marian Gerntholz



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**cindy** - March 15, 2014 at 05:18 PM

CV

“ We were saddened to hear of Marian's passing. Always loved visiting with her when we would meet. She was a remarkable woman and will be missed. We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and may The Lord wrap his arms around you and hold you tight. Cindy and Todd and family

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**cindy vogel** - March 15, 2014 at 05:17 PM

DS

“ Gerry and family, we were so sad to hear the news about Marion, she fought a good fight, we recently returned from Vi and Lawrence's place in Arizona and they talked about having you there and enjoyed the time spent with you. We are sorry but because of work we won't be able to attend the funeral but our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. May God be with you today and always. Jack and Donna

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**Donna Sweet** - March 15, 2014 at 05:16 PM

AN

“ Arlene Nelson lit a candle in memory of Marian Gertholz



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**Arlene Nelson** - March 15, 2014 at 03:29 PM

RN

“ Family of Marian, I am sad to hear the news of your loss. She was truly a wonderful women who lived and loved life to the fullest. She will be missed by many. I am blessed to have been part of her life for many years growing up. Will missed her wonderful smile, laugh and greeting whenever we saw each other.

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**Renee Nelson** - March 15, 2014 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beth, Gerry, Steve, Tami and Greg and your families, our thoughts are with you. Hands down, Marion was a caring, genuine person...grateful to have known her and her family. Wendy & Lyle Hogue*

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**Wendy Reidman Hogue** - March 15, 2014 at 01:42 PM

RF

“ *Gerry and family, Our sincere condolences, Marian will be missed.*

*Ryan & Sherri Fahey*

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**Ryan Fahey** - March 15, 2014 at 12:11 PM

FA

“ *Gerry, We are so sorry to see in the Fargo Forum that Marion passed away. We wish you the best and send our sympathy. I let friends Dave and Jan know. Floyd & Elaine Aune.*

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**Floyd & Elaine Aune** - March 15, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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“ *Brett sent a virtual gift in memory of Marian Gertholz*



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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 07:18 PM

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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 07:16 PM

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“ I could always stop over at Marian and Gerry's with my kids and would be treated like one of the family. Marian and Gerry always made me feel welcomed.

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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 07:14 PM

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“ I will always remember Marian and Gerry's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Faith Lutheran. I remember how happy she was. Especially the song that Beth sang gave her tears of happiness. And the sweet kiss that Gerry gave her. This happiness will always be remembered in my heart.

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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 07:12 PM

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“ I will always remember the day after my mother passed away in 2001. Marian came over unannounced with food from Leever's Deli and fed Cacie, Courtney and Myself. That was so thoughtful.

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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Brett** - March 14, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Marian Gerntholz.*



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March 14, 2014 at 02:38 PM