



Mavis Kelder

May 2, 1938 - October 8, 2013

A memorial service for Mavis Kelder, 75, Valley City, ND, formerly of Verona, ND, will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Verona. Burial will be in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, Verona. Mavis died at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND on October 8, 2013.

Visitation will be held at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel in Valley City on Monday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A prayer service will be held there beginning at 7:00. Visitation will continue an hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Mavis Adele Kelder, the oldest child of Milton and Amanda (Miller) Utecht was born on May 2, 1938 in LaMoure, ND. She grew up on a farm near Verona, ND, and attended school there, graduating in 1956. She went on to Valley City Teacher's College graduating and receiving her Teacher's Certificate in 1958. On August 10, 1958, she married Forrest "Twig" Kelder at her parents' home in rural Verona.

Mavis' first two years of teaching were in a one room schoolhouse- Greenville 2. She continued teaching in Verona and LaMoure for a total of 34 years before retiring in 2000.

Mavis is survived by her daughter, Cressy Liljenquist, Valley City, ND; three grandchildren, Devon Liljenquist, Fargo, ND, and Braden and Carissa Liljenquist, Valley City, ND; a brother, Rodney (Ginger) Utecht; and two nephews, Greg Utecht Jr., and Jesse (Michelle) Utecht.

Mavis was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one brother, Greg Utecht Sr. Arrangements have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook for Mavis is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

OCT **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
Verona, ND

Tribute Wall

VH

“ Cressy, you and our daughter, Tracey, were babies living 2 houses apart in Verona. Your Mom and I shared a lot of memories. I haven't seen her in years, but I will always remember the times we shared. Deepest sympathy from our family to yours. Dale and Vivian Hanson Marietta, Ga.

Vivian Hanson - October 15, 2013 at 02:15 PM

LA

“ Cressy and Family,
Our sympathies to you and your family. I enjoyed Mavis and Twig as customers while I was working at the bank. Mavis took such pride in her grandchildren and truly enjoyed the time she spent with them. I visited with her last December during the Barnes County Tournament. She was definitely excited to cheer for her grandson and the Hi-liners. May fond memories of your mother and your dad bring you peace during this sad time.
Danny and Laurel Alber

Laurel Alber - October 14, 2013 at 12:50 PM

VW

“ Condolences to Cressy and family. I remember Mavis as my 4th grade teacher in Verona and visiting with her through the years. May all your memories help you through this difficult time.

Vicki (Raatz) Williams

Vicki Williams - October 14, 2013 at 09:15 AM

SK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Take comfort in that she is with Twig and that she will be missed and will be always in our thoughts and memories.

Sandra(Utecht) Kjelden Laura Utecht and family

Sandra Kjelden - October 13, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Mavis Kelder.*



October 13, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JB

“ *Cressy and family, thinking of you. May you find peace in the days ahead knowing her and Twig are together again. Thoughts and prayers.*
Jodi & Corey Bayer and boys

Jodi Bayee - October 11, 2013 at 08:44 PM

KM

“ *Condolences to the family on the loss of Mavis. I knew her growing up in Verona.*
Karen Marx-Miller

Karen Marx-Miller - October 10, 2013 at 11:27 PM

SH

Condolences to Cressy and family. My heart is truly saddened to hear of Mavis' passing. She was a great lady and will always remember her fondly from my early years growing up in Verona.

Scott Hanson - Rydal, GA.

Scott Hanson - October 14, 2013 at 11:02 AM