



## Mavis V. Stearns

June 15, 1933 - January 17, 2024

Livestream of Mavis' service <https://vimeo.com/906500007>

Mavis V. Stearns was born on June 15, 1933, in Valley City, ND to Carl and Esther (Anderson) Olson. She passed away peacefully at SMP Health - St. Raphael under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley on January 17, 2024, at the age of 90.

The funeral service for Mavis will be held at 2 pm Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in the spring at Memory Gardens.

Mavis grew up on the family farm with three brothers and one sister. She attended Brown school, a one room schoolhouse, and Valley City High School. Mavis continued her education in Wahpeton, ND earning an LPN degree. After graduating from nursing school, she moved to Vincennes, Indiana, where she worked at a local hospital. Shortly thereafter, she moved back to Valley City, where she married John R. Hatcher of Vincennes, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Mavis continued nursing at both Mercy Hospital and Sheyenne Care Center, doing what she was most gifted, providing compassionate care. Later years folks would reminisce about their wonderful

care they received from her. Mavis and John raised five sons and one daughter.

Mavis married Tom Stearns of Leal, ND and they made their home in Valley City. They owned and operated the Diner & Den restaurant, providing homemade meals, including her famous buns, pastries, and soups. After Tom's passing Mavis continued her love of caring for others through home healthcare. She held a special place in her heart for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, always enjoying their visits.

Mavis will be remembered as a kind and compassionate lady, always putting the needs of others before herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Charles, Dennis, and Ron Olson and Jarl Maasjo; husband Tom; son John; granddaughter April Hatcher; grandson Wyatt Hatcher; great granddaughter Lindsae Hatcher and great grandson Bryson Cooper 'Ball'.

Mavis is survived by her sister Bonnie Olson and sister-in-law Carol Olson, both of Valley City; four sons Wade, Mark (Rose), Faron and Rob Hatcher; daughter Sharissa (Rollie) Hochstetler, all of Valley City; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. She is also survived by Tom's family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ *My sympathy on the passing of Mavis. A very nice lady who always lit up the room with her presence.*

Tom Goven - January 24, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *I've tried 6 different times now to say what I feel and something always goes wrong. LOL. We will always miss Mavis dearly!! She was a real 'spark' and loved to make everyone smile and brighten your day! hard worker to-the-core, but must've loved every minute of it...and we loved every minute of being in her presense too. RIP, dear Mavis.*

Kris Youle - January 24, 2024 at 02:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mavis V. Stearns.*



January 22, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MN

“ *My condolences to the family of Mavis. She will be missed by many.*

Marlene Nelson - January 21, 2024 at 10:48 PM

KB

“ *Dear family of Mavis, she was always smiling and happy. Always enjoyed visits with her. Treasure the memories and years you had her. God Bless*

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**Kaye( Tait- Davies) Belzer** - January 20, 2024 at 07:46 PM

GG

“ *such a nice lady, always a smile on her face. with sympathy.*

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**Gigi Goven** - January 20, 2024 at 11:18 AM