



## Olaf G. Aune

January 12, 1909 - April 6, 2014

Olaf G. Aune was born January 12, 1909 at Mosvik, Norway, the son of Oldus and Karen Aune. He came to the United States with his family, April 10, 1910.

He was raised on the farm and attended rural schools and graduated from Green Consolidated High School. He earned his elementary and secondary degrees from the Valley City State University, and also taught there one semester. He earned a Masters Degree from Moorhead State University.

Olaf taught in several rural schools in North Dakota, and was a member of the Valley City School system for eighteen years. He served as principal of Washington Elementary school in Valley City for fifteen years. He also taught several years in the California schools. Later, he served as Department Manager of Grieger's Lapidary Inc. of California for seventeen years.

In April of 1942, he married Mildred Kvilvang in Fargo, ND. She died March 4, 2001.

Olaf died April 6, 2014 at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford, ND. He is survived by his son, Warren (Deb) of New Rockford; his daughter, Andrea (Robert) Fine of San Clemente, CA; grandsons, Andrew (Sabrina) Fine and Robert (Sandra) Wilson; granddaughter, Emily Fine; step grandchildren, Amanda (Ross) Nelson and Cory (Trista Hill) Hagen; great grandchildren, Logan, Lea, and Braydon; step great grandchildren, Emilee, Parker, Caleb, and Mila; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mildred; sisters, Gusta (Martin) Nelsen, Jennie (Carl) Myhre, and Ragna (Glenn) Frederick; and brothers, Justin (Amanda), Ole (Millie), and Arne (Bessie).

The funeral service for Olaf will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City, later this spring.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Wednesday from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Funeral arrangements for Olaf 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

## Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I remember Olaf as my principal at Washington School in the 1950's. He was the oldest person that I have ever known in my lifetime. It is totally remarkable the length of time that he lived.

*David Cary*  
*Surprise, Arizona*

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**David Cary** - May 01, 2014 at 11:40 PM

“ Dear Family of Olaf G. Aune

*I, Jan Åge Riseth, am the first son of late Johan Riseth, Olafs first cousin. My grandmother Inga Riseth was the sister of Olafs mother Karen Aune.*

*It is both with grief and thankfulness I and my Family have received the sad message of Olafs passing away.*

*During my PhD studies I and my wife Randi Nymo and our children John Reidar, Bernt Henrik and Inga Marie stayed in USA the whole spring term 1996. In early summer we visited Valley City for the first time. Olaf and Mildred took us with love and caring. We stayed in their house for a couple of days and learnt them to know and also the Aune family history. Olaf was then 87 and seemed like a man in his 60s. Together with his nephew Ray Olaf also arranged a Family Reunion for us. It was a great experience to meet so many new relatives.*

*After that we kept in touch by letters and Christmas Cards. The summer 2009, when Olaf just had turned 100, I visited Valley City a second time, now together with my sons John Reidar and Bernt Henrik. Olaf had then moved into nursing home where we visited him. He took us out for dinner and the course served was brown trout just like the ones I fished as a boy! Surprise Olaf managed to arrange a Family Reunion this time too. We felt very much included in the Aune Family, and it was really great to be among you.*

*In the early fall 2010 my second cousin Andrew Aune and his spouse Fran, became the first American relatives to visit the spot in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, from where Oldus and Karen, and Olaf, emigrated over one century ago. Together with my father and brother and around a dozen of my cousins and their spouses we had two very nice days together. This had probably not happened if we had not established contact with the Aune branch of my family through Olaf.*

*We lost a bit direct contact with Olaf the last couple of years, but we still think much of Olaf and the Aune relatives.*

*We are happy and grateful to have learned Olaf to know and wish Peace over his memory.*

*Love*

*Jan Åge, Randi, John Reidar (30) Bernt Henrik (26) and Inga Marie (22)*

JK

“ I fondly remember "Mr Aune", who was not only the first principal of Washington Grade School, but the 5th grade teacher the year the school opened. Although I lived away from North Dakota for half my life, he was so remarkable as a teacher I remembered him fondly. When I moved back to Valley City, it was a pleasure to meet him on the street or over a MarketPlace foods and we'd have a chat. He will be remembered as a kind, gentle man with an very special expertise of inspiring children to learn. God blessed him with a full rich life. He will be remembered and missed for a very long time.

Jan Clark Klein

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Jan Klein - April 09, 2014 at 09:32 AM

DB

“ Andrea, Warren and families: My sincere sympathy in the loss of your father/grandfather. His longevity is testament to a hard working life well lived! Not until I read the obituary did I realize that the connection between my mother, Synove Falstad Pedersen, and your dad was Mosvik, Norway. They both had family roots in Mosvik. Mother always enjoyed their visits. Their generation built a strong North Dakota. Blessed be your memories! Diane Pedersen Bjerke

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Diane Bjerke - April 09, 2014 at 08:53 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May it help you to know that death was not in God's plan, but Adam sinned so sin and death entered into the world as Romans 5:12 says, yet God, knowing our pain when we lose a loved one and for him caring, he will cause death to cease, never to return and he will also bring back to life many of our dead loved ones in the near future so soon we will see them again. May you find strength and comfort from these few facts in your difficult days ahead.

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Mary Miller - April 08, 2014 at 11:02 AM

CF

“ Warren & Andrea,  
So sorry to hear of Olaf's passing. He was a terrific man! He's now in heaven making lefse and donuts for Mildred, Joe & Evelyn, Bud & Vernie and they're enjoying each other's company as they did so many times. You're so lucky to have had him for such long and wonderful life.

Love,  
Carol Fletcher  
Pasadena, Ca

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Carol Fletcher - April 07, 2014 at 07:24 PM



“ *Ole was a dear friend of my parents, Lou and Mabel Bruhn. He lived life to the fullest and gave joy to many. Condolences to all.* ”

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**Shirley Lindsay** - April 07, 2014 at 04:27 PM