



Synöve Pedersen

September 24, 1917 - November 27, 2013

Synöve "Eva" E. Pedersen, 96, Valley City, ND, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday afternoon, November 27, 2013, at Mercy Hospital with her family by her side.

The funeral service for Eva will be held at Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, on Friday, December 6, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Burial will be in Ringsaker Cemetery, rural Valley City.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, December 5 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a prayer service beginning at 6:00 PM.

Synöve Evangeline "Eva" Falstad was born on September 28, 1917 in Valley City, ND at the Platou Hospital, the seventh child of Ellef and Petra (Hamstad) Falstad of rural Kathryn, ND. As a child, only Norwegian was spoken in their home. The family was proud to learn English from the teachers of Brown School District 37, #2 who often boarded with the family. It is from this school that she graduated from 8th grade.

The family farmed in Skandia Township and were members of Ringsaker Church, which her father helped organize and build. Here Synöve was baptized on Christmas Day, 1917. In the spring of 1932, she was confirmed. She attended high school in Hastings, ND and worked for area farm families until she moved to Fargo in 1936 where she worked as a waitress.

On January 27, 1940, she was united in marriage to Paul Pedersen of Valley City. Together they farmed on the J.P. Paulson place in Green Township. In 1942, they purchased and moved to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 14 in Green

Township. There they raised their 8 children. Oftentimes, there was an extra chair at the table as anyone stopping at the farm was always encouraged to eat with the family. Visitors were frequent; some came as friends, others came as strangers who were traveling on highway #1 and left as friends.

At the time of their marriage, Paul and Eva had both experienced the hardships of the Great Depression. The family lived on the products that they produced. The grains they harvested were fed to the animals. The extra eggs and cream were sold and garden vegetables were canned for winter use. Nothing was wasted and everything was saved for a time when it might be needed. They were the original “green” generation.

Synöve was proud of her Norwegian heritage and for many years was an active member of the Sons of Norway. She and Paul fulfilled a lifetime dream when they were able to return to their native lands of Norway and Denmark in 1972. She was the last original surviving member of the Fireside Birthday Club of Green Township. They were active in the Antique Club and Barnes County Historical Society. Eva displayed a great sense of humor, and will be remembered for her famous “one-liner” responses. She always had time for a chat on the phone, a game of whist or a quick cup of coffee. You never left without sharing a chuckle or a smile. She could always see the rainbow at the end of the storm or the light at the end of the tunnel. To her it was the day to day journey that was important. She never attached to material things and generously gave them away to anyone who wanted them.

She was a dutiful wife to her husband of 62 years, Paul. She was an amazing mother to her eight children and a fun-loving, devoted grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother. She never forgot a birthday and will always be remembered for the decorated envelopes and the cards that held \$5.00. Her years on Earth outnumbered her husband, her mother, her father, and all of her siblings and in-laws.

Synöve will be forever missed but always loved and remembered by her children: Gerald (Beth) Pedersen, Valley City; Earl (Olive) Falstad, Phoenix, AZ; Carol (Bert) Gee, Sacramento, CA; Bertel (Dianne) Pedersen, Valley City;

Pamella Perkins, New Orleans, LA; David (Connie) Pedersen, Detroit Lakes, MN; and Diane (Jack) Bjerke, Valley City; son-in-law: Curtis Torgerson, Clarkfield, MN. Fourteen grandchildren: Cathy (Roger) Guilmet, Wendy (Michael) Murphy, Dean (Lori) Pedersen, Brian (Amy) Pedersen, Lynn Pedersen, Mark (Mary) Torgerson, Steven Pedersen, Michelle (William) Halley, Travis (Nicole) Bjerke, Kirsten (Steven) Gulden, Tyler (Becky) Bjerke, Paul (Amy) Pedersen, Trevor (Jennifer) Bjerke, Kari (Ryan) Boston; two step grandchildren: David and Erin Wright; 24 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings; husband; and a daughter, Dorothy Patricia Pedersen Torgerson.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver- Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Ringsaker Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Prayer Service

DEC 5. 6:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Our condolences to the family on the passing of our dear aunt "Eva". Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

James and Sharon Jacobson

James Jacobson - December 06, 2013 at 09:35 AM

YE

“ John and I almost felt that we knew Mrs. Pedersen through Pam's many photos and anecdotes about her beloved mom. Hers was a life well-lived, and her passing must be a great loss for all who knew her. We will keep you, Pam, and all your family in our hearts and in our prayers in the days to come, asking God to comfort you all and give you His peace.

*With deep sympathy and love,
John and Vonnice Evans*

Yvonne Evans - December 05, 2013 at 04:01 PM

GL

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to you on the loss of your mother, she always had time to visit, always had a twinkle in her eye and had a come back for whatever comment you would make. She was quite a lady.....She will be missed.

Glenn and Marilyn Lahlum

Glenn and Marilyn Lahlum - December 05, 2013 at 01:50 PM



VO

“ Our condolences to the family of Eva. We are pleased that we have been able to get to know you. You were a wonderful person that everyone could only love. Our visits with you and your family are forever in our memories. You have given our lives a good memory. Warm thoughts from Betty Olsen and Gitte Schmidt and their family 's from Denmark

Vibeke Olsen - December 05, 2013 at 08:40 AM

GL

“ Some people's lives influence us and touch us in a special way --- The world becomes a better place because of things they do and say. Beloved "Eva" touched so many lives, and may it somehow comfort you to know that others share your loss and treasure special memories too.

I am sorry I will not be able to attend the service but I will be there in spirit and saying special prayers.
Love, Gloria

Gloria Landry - December 04, 2013 at 08:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Synöve Pedersen.



December 04, 2013 at 12:26 PM

DD

“ Dan & Marlee, Gary & Jan, Wayne & Dianne, Eunice & Dan purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Synöve Pedersen.



Dan & Marlee, Gary & Jan, Wayne & Dianne, Eunice & Dan -
December 03, 2013 at 12:30 PM

TF

“ The Jacobson family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Synöve Pedersen.



The Jacobson family - December 03, 2013 at 11:18 AM

LH

“ We looked forward to a stop in Valley City to see Eva on our way to or from our home in Colorado. We had good times to share Haugen/Falstad family stories (and, of course, coffee and cookies). We will miss her dearly. Blessed be her memories.

Lyle & Ardis Haugen - December 03, 2013 at 10:12 AM



“ Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Synöve Pedersen.



December 03, 2013 at 08:09 AM

AD

“ *All the Olsen´s family in DK purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Synöve Pedersen.*



All the Olsen´s family in DK - December 03, 2013 at 08:08 AM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the family. I remember visiting the Pedersen family from the time I was a young child and through the years as the family grew up. Eva and the whole family have been and inspiration to me through the years. Bless her memory.*

Merle Johnson

Merle Johnson - December 02, 2013 at 09:36 PM

AM

“ *I have so many fond memories of time spent with "Ma" Petersen. I could talk to her about anything. She was my "Mom away from home". I wish I could be there, but you can know I will be there in mind and heart. My love to all of you. Ardis*

Ardis Martin - December 02, 2013 at 07:03 PM

KJ

“ *I always enjoyed it when Eva stopped in the flower shop. What a wonderful and sweet lady. Such wonderful memories you all must have. Thinking of you!*

Kathy Jacobson - December 01, 2013 at 05:36 AM

GD

“ *Gitte and Mads Pedersen, Aalborg Denmark purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Synöve Pedersen.*



Gitte and Mads Pedersen, Aalborg Denmark - November 30, 2013 at 02:24 PM

DB

“ *First met Eva And Paul when I started mail route about 28 years ago. Would stop there for coffee and cookies on my way. Always a real neat gal that loved a good time and loved people. She would get after me when I didn't stop, she loved to visit.*

Duane Burchill - November 29, 2013 at 09:23 PM

TR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all her family. Theresa (McCarthy) Rawdon*

Theresa Rawdon - November 29, 2013 at 12:21 PM