



## Vae Kruschwitz

July 3, 1914 - September 25, 2014

Vae (Nelson) Kruschwitz, 100, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2014 at Eventide in Moorhead, MN. She was born to Wilfred and Grace (Chilberg) Nelson on July 23, 1914 on a farm near Sykeston, ND.

In 1932, she graduated as class valedictorian from Sykeston High School. Vae received her standard teaching degree from Valley City Normal School (now VCSU) in 1934. She taught in Sykeston, Pettibone, and Dickey, ND before her marriage to Earl H. Kruschwitz on November 14, 1937. Later she taught for 25 years in Sanborn, ND.

Earl and Vae were married for 55 years. They raised their four daughters in Valley City, ND where they lived for most of their married life. He died on February 24, 1993. She continued living in Valley City and was active at Epworth United Methodist Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendant for several years following her retirement from teaching in 1977. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Retired Teachers Association and volunteered at the Barnes County Historical Society. She moved to Moorhead in 2005.

She was a good cook and enjoyed decorating birthday cakes; enjoyed traveling; and was an avid bridge player.

Vae touched many people in her 100 years and had a gift of making each one of them feel valued and special.

She is survived by her sister, Donna Nix; daughters, Mary Schroeder and Deborah (Steve List) Kruschwitz-List; sons-in-law, John Ostlie and Lee

Pawluk; grandchildren, René (Marty) Fisher, Phil (Brenda) Ostlie, Kimberly (Robert Gilbertson) Pawluk-Gilbertson, Heidi (Mac) Bain, Derek (Madeline) Legler, Tiffany (Sean Lipham) Pawluk, and Stephanie List; and 11 great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughters, Joan Ostlie and Beth Pawluk; brother, David Nelson; sister, Gloria Hewitt; and an infant sister, Verle. The funeral service for Vae will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Valley City. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Visitation will be held the hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Epworth United Methodist Church or Valley City State University Foundation.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Eventide who took loving care of Vae during the last four years of her life and always enjoyed her beautiful smile.

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with assisting the family with arrangements. An online video tribute and guestbook are available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Vae Kruschwitz



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**Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel** - September 26, 2014 at 09:57 AM

SW

“ Mrs. Kruschwitz was a long time friend to my mother, Sally Hanson. They were members of Delta Kappa Gamma in Valley City. Vae might have been a bridge player, also, as I have memories of her being at our house. Earl was a good friend to my dad, Gil. God has taken a blessed woman home to heaven and was greeted by Earl and others. I had the opportunity to see Vae before she relocated to Moorhead. Neighbor Ahvild Degnan voiced her love for Vae and I know she was missed in the neighborhood.

*Shelley Williamson  
Commerce, GA*

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**Shelley Williamson** - September 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

PM

“ Mrs. Kruschwitz was my eighth grade teacher at Sanborn, ND in 1958-1959.

*She was a favorite teacher and one that held my interest and challenged me as a student. She was firm but fair and a dedicated teacher. I too, went into the Field of Education and taught 40 years. It was dedicated teachers like your mother who had desires to teach that made many a good student. My sympathy to her family in the loss of a great teacher, a great mother and I am certain a great person to each and everyone that knew Mrs. Kruschwitz.*  
*Peg (Sauer) Manns*

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**Peg Manns** - September 28, 2014 at 03:54 PM

PF

“ We were lucky enough to live next door to the Kruschwitz family for years and share many things with them. Vae was very special to my Mother and me. Thoughts and prayers to Mary, Debbie and the rest of the family...she will be missed.

*Patti, Lowell and Eric*

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**Patti (Degnan) Finn** - September 27, 2014 at 11:28 PM

GM

“ *Mary and Debbie*

*The video is a beautiful tribute to your mom. It was great to see all of your family pictures and remember the wonderful times when I have been with your mom and your family. Vae was a very special lady and I have fond memories of her. My sympathy to you and all your family with your loss.*

*Ginny Martinson*

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**Ginny Martinson** - September 27, 2014 at 10:30 PM

JS

“ Mrs. Kruschwitz was my teacher in Sanborn I believe it was 5th or 6th grade very beautiful person. And thank you for sharing the video it brang back memories of the Sanborn school. sorry for your loss. she will be missed and I will always remember her smile..



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**Jeanette (Risser) Swesey** - September 27, 2014 at 01:15 PM

HS

“ Vae was the mom of our friend Mary and also of our mom Cele. She was one of the most gracious and genuine persons we knew. Always ready with a warm smile and interest in others. She was a model to us for her caring for others. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Hope and Ken Soroos** - September 27, 2014 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ Vae was my 7th and 8th grade teacher in Sanborn, ND. I have far to many memories of Vae to mention. She was an excellent teacher and friend. May she rest in peace and be in God's great hands. Joanne {Bowen} Benjamin.

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**Joanne Benjamin** - September 26, 2014 at 11:31 PM

BJ

“ We who were so fortunate to have Mrs. Kruschwitz for a teacher are better people because of it. I will remember and appreciate her always. Bob Jansen SHS '66

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**Bob Jansen** - September 26, 2014 at 10:08 PM

BH

“ My sympathy goes out to Mrs. Kruschwitz's family. I was in the 3rd Grade when she taught in Sanborn,ND. 3 of my siblings had her as a teacher. I always thought she was a beautiful looking lady. Blessings to all of her family members. Bonnie Howe

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**Bonnie Howe** - September 26, 2014 at 07:41 PM

SW

“ Sending prayers to each of Vae's family members for fond memories of your times with Vae. I will always remember her as a calm and caring mother during our unpredictable teenage years! With deep sympathy. Sandy O'Connell West

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**Sandy O'Connell West** - September 26, 2014 at 06:57 PM

NP

“ Sending our thoughts & prayers to your family. Vae was a remarkable woman, who always had that sparkling smile & twinkle in her eye. When our children were young, she always took time to visit with them, and share a warm handshake & smile. She was a integral part of Epworth United Methodist Church. I have fond memories of her leading Sunday School classes, singing & worshiping the Lord with young children. Well done, good and faithful servant.

*Matt & Nicole Powers family.*

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**nicole Powers** - September 26, 2014 at 09:07 AM