



## Virginia "Gini" Stevens

October 9, 1942 - November 8, 2022

Gini's service is being live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/2608321>

Virginia "Gini" Carol Stevens, 80, of Valley City, North Dakota passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at The Legacy Place, Valley City.

The funeral service will be held 10:30 am Tuesday, November 15, at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be Monday, November 14, from 5-7pm at the church. Gini was born to Walter Vernon Nelson and Dorothy Irene (Ekern) Nelson on October 9th, 1942 in Valley City. She was the firstborn of six.

Gini married James "Jim" Russell Stevens on October 7th, 1961. They enjoyed 61 years together. They were parents to John Wade Stevens and Cheryl DeNae (Stevens) Sorby. She attended schools at Daily School #2, Kathryn Public School and graduated in 1960 from College High School. She worked for many years in bookkeeping and banking. While at Midwest Federal, she was selected to attend a "Train the Trainer" seminar in Nashville, Tennessee and spent several months training employees at many of the branches, retiring as Assistant Branch Manager.

Gini was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Kathryn where she was also a member of the WELCA, the quilters and had taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a charter and ten year member of Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and member of the Eagles Auxiliary. Gini loved her flowers and sharing them with others. Her pride and joy were her seven grandchildren.

Gini is survived by her husband, Jim; son, John (Arlette); daughter, Cheryl (Kory) Sorby; grandchildren, Dylan (Connie), Amanda (Sam) Pfaffe, Jasmine and Nicholas Stevens and Karl, Kayla (Jacob Elston) and Carson Sorby; sister Sharon (Dennis Coleman), sister, Connie (Rodney Olson); brother, Wayne (Sandy) Nelson; brother-in-law, Merrill (Gladys) Stevens; special cousin, Myron (Leona) Kulsrud who was like a brother and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; and step great grandchildren, Micalab and Braya Elston, and Natalie Parisien .

Gini is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Dorothy Nelson; grandparents,

Nicholas and Sophie Nelson; grandparents, Melvin and Carrie Ekern; brothers, Jeff Nelson and Jim Nelson; God Mother, Edna (Art) Kulsrud; brothers-in-law and their spouses, Milo (Yvonne) Stevens; Earl (Shirley) Stevens and Michael Stevens; sister-in-law, Joyce (Myron) Wallner; numerous aunts, uncles and God Daughter Camille (Kulsrud) Fitterer.

Memorials may be directed to the Sheyenne Valley Cemetery, Kathryn, St. Paul's Cemetery, Kathryn or JRMC Cancer Center, Jamestown or choose your favorite charity. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guest book is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sheyenne Valley Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

*Closed casket as per Gini's Request*

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VM

“ Jim & Family, Gini's service was beautiful, just like her. I will miss her and the friendship we shared, coffee with her, her beautiful cards and really everything about her. She was so special and will be missed by many. Wrap yourselves up in all your wonderful memories of her, I know I will! With love, thoughts and prayers. Vicki Zinck Metcalf



Vicki Zinck Metcalf - November 15, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - November 14, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DL

“ I have so many good memories of Gini. The cards we used to play with You and Al and other times we spent together. I always admired the way she was able to take charge Church and community activities. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have learned that it is best to keep their memory. alive by by talking about them. My prayers are with you.

Dianne Larson

Dianne Larson - November 13, 2022 at 12:06 AM

SS

“ Gini's family: we are so very sorry for your loss. RIP Gini, you will be missed by many.

Scott and Connie Sorby - November 12, 2022 at 08:20 PM

SS

“ Our sincere condolences to Gini's friends and family. May God bless you with peace and comfort. We enjoyed watching Jim & Gini dance at the Eagles back in the nights of dancing to a good country band. They were very good dancers and could glide across the floor like no other! You have our sincere sympathy. Darryl & Sheryl Smith

Sheryl SMith - November 11, 2022 at 04:23 PM

MF

“ Myron, Leona, and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Gini" Stevens.



Myron, Leona, and family - November 11, 2022 at 02:17 PM

EP

“ My sincere condolences to Gini's friends and family. May God bless and comfort you. Gini was a very special lady. I'll always remember her kindness at sister Pat's burial service and her part in inviting us and others for lunch at the church. We kept in touch after that. I'll always be grateful for that day. Even though sis had been away for many many years, she and others were there for us. God bless you Gini.



Erllys Johnson Paul - November 11, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia "Gini" Stevens.



November 11, 2022 at 12:01 PM

LF

“ LeRoy and Loretta Eggermont and family purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Virginia "Gini" Stevens.



LeRoy and Loretta Eggermont and family - November 10, 2022 at 03:49 PM

CN

“ My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. She was such a giving and caring person, sharing her flowers and gifts. A Hugh loss to the community. May she rest in peace.

Carol Nelson - November 10, 2022 at 01:34 PM

TN

“ *Our sympathy to Gini's family.*  
*Tom & Caral Nix*

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**Tom & Caral Nix** - November 10, 2022 at 12:36 PM

GO

*Our sincere sympathy to all the Nelson family in the passing of Gini. We never had the pleasure of meeting Gini but we are her cousin through Carrie and Aadne Hoiland's family from Garretson SD. Harry and Gloria Olson Hoiland*

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**Gloria Olson** - November 10, 2022 at 03:58 PM

PM

*Hard to lose a classmate and friend, always enjoyed our time together, our sympathy to the family.*

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**Pat McKay** - November 10, 2022 at 07:29 PM