

Remembering the life of...

Vivian Goplen, 93, of Sheyenne Crossings Eventide, West Fargo, ND (formerly of Hannaford and Cooperstown, ND) passed away on September 11, 2021, under the loving care of Sanford Hospice House on Broadway, Fargo, ND.

Born on November 6, 1927 on a farm near Karnak, Vivian later moved to a farm near Dazey, ND with her parents, Alfred Sr. and Helen (Jonasen) Skjeret and siblings. They welcomed many extended family members into their home—these are years that Vivian remembered fondly and shaped her into an outstanding host and cook.

After attending schools in Walum and Hannaford, Vivian studied at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where she received a degree in socio-psychology and English and established life-long friendships with her roommates there. They wrote a traveling letter called Round Robin for an impressive 70 years; the letter is still active. She accepted a teaching position at Forman High School following graduation and also worked in Williston as a social worker.

One June 28, 1953 she married Gilman Goplen at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Walum. They farmed and raised their family near Walum and continued to enjoy country life together there until they moved to Cooperstown in 2006.

Vivian especially enjoyed reading, writing and receiving letters, and family genealogy. She devoted her time to causes like YCL, Lutheran Ladies Aid, Bible studies, church council, and PTA. She helped create history annuals for St. Olaf Church and the Hannaford Centennial. She and Gilman loved to travel and visit relatives in both the U. S. and Norway. Both of them spoke Norwegian well—a skill that helped them form deep connections with family in Norway—connections that we enjoy to this day. She was an expert lefse maker, Norwegian-English translator and family information keeper. Above all else in life, Vivian cherished time with her family and friends, and adored time with each and every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vivian is survived by five children: Neal (Astrid) Goplen, Pasco, WA, Gary (Debi) Goplen, West Fargo, ND, Ellen (Herb) Doeke, Fargo, ND, Jon (Susan) Goplen, Fargo, ND and Susan (Matt) Stoltz, Bismarck, ND; 13 grandchildren, Jared Goplen, Blake Goplen, Shanna (Garner) Alzheimer, Freja Elrod, Chase Goplen, Brianne (Sam) Partlow, Tyler (Janne) Dale Hauger, Collin Hauger, Alexander Hauger, Dylan Goplen, Alison Goplen, Megan (Gregory) Buske and Sarah (Sterling) Richard; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother, Myrna (Bart) Thompson, Connie Loudon and, Loren (Jerri) Skjeret; 4 sisters-in-law, Mary Goplen, Las Vegas, NV, Joanne Goplen, Fargo, Fern Skjeret, Valley City, and Jeanette Skjeret, Jamestown.

Vivian was preceded in death by her husband, Gilman; her siblings, Audrey, Leon and, Alfred Jr.; and one grandson, Chad.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of her
as gone away—
her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets—
this earth is just one...
Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows
and the tears
in a place of
warmth and comfort
where there are no
days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched...
for nothing loved is lost—
and she was loved so much.*

E. Brenneman

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for
fellowship following the service.*

Celebrating the life of

VIVIAN GOPLEN



FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiant

Rev. Helen Beth Kuhens

Special Music

Fogderud Singers

Breanna Breidenbach, *pianist*

Congregational Hymns: "Blessed Assurance"
"I'll Fly Away"

Pallbearers

Vivian's Grandchildren

Jared Goplen Blake Goplen Shanna Alzheimer

Freja Elrod Chase Goplen Brianne Partlow

Tyler Dale Hauger Collin Hauger Alexander Hauger

Dylan Goplen Alison Goplen Megan Buske Sarah Richard

Honorary Pallbearer

Vivian's Grandson

Chad Goplen

Interment

St. Olaf Cemetery

Walum, North Dakota

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