

# Obituaries

## Judith Gail Swenson

Judith Gail Swenson, 75, Valley City, North Dakota, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo. A service for Judy will be held in the spring. Blessings of sympathy may be sent to Gerard Swenson, 3955 117th Ave SE Valley City, ND 58072. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com)



## Mary Ann Michelson

January 1, 1934 - December 30, 2024

Mary Ann Michelson, 90, Harvey, ND went home to be with Jesus on Monday, December 30, 2024, at her granddaughter's home in Tower City, ND surrounded by her family.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2025 at the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, ND.

The visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 5 at the Hertz Funeral Home in Harvey, ND.

Burial will be in the Martin Baptist Cemetery.

Mary Ann Michelson was born January 1, 1934, in Harvey, North Dakota. Mary Ann spent her childhood in Martin, ND, where her parents Helmuth and Mary (Putz) Eckart had a general store on main street. Mary Ann was one of six children, Alice, Dorothy, Richard, Fran, and Cleo. She graduated from Martin High School in 1952. Mary Ann went to Minot State College for a summer school semester to receive training to become a teacher. That fall she worked at a Country School for one year.

Mary Ann married Marvin (Bud) Michelson on August 16, 1953, in the Martin Baptist Church. They moved to Bud's parents' farm, (Conrad &

Christine Michelson) where they lived in their first home together. Mary Ann was the ideal farm wife, completing tasks such as working in the fields and tending to farm animals. During this time, she became a skilled baker, and many people loved her delicious goodies. She enjoyed hosting and cooking for family gatherings throughout her life.

Bud and Mary Ann had their only child, Sandy, born on December 26, 1955.

During these years, Mary Ann balanced raising her family, participating in activities, and fulfilling the demanding role of a farm wife, both indoors and outdoors. She also found joy in teaching Sunday School and assisting with Vacation Bible School at the Martin Baptist Church. Mary Ann was a member of the Martin Baptist Church and loved being the Sunday School Superintendent. She was also a proud member of the Martin Homemakers Club.

Bud and Mary Ann retired from farming in 1993. Mary Ann transitioned to a job at HAV-IT in Harvey where she worked for 25 years.

In 2019, Bud and Mary Ann moved into the senior living apartments next to the Harvey Nursing home. While living here, she enjoyed visiting with fellow apartment residents, putting together puzzles, and giving Bud grief for sleeping in too late.

Mary Ann is survived by, her husband of 71 years, Bud Michelson, her daughter Sandy (Bill) Popp of Milnor, ND, her grandchildren, Larissa (Nathan) Hoots, of Tower City, ND, and Joe Popp of Britton, SD, and her great-granddaughters, Madelyn and Kinsley Hoots.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents Helmuth and Mary Eckart, and her siblings Alice Wade, Dorothy Dockter, Richard Eckert, Fran Arussell, and Cleo Bender.



F-B FFA chapter finished 3rd place at district conference. Pictured (from left): Emilee Cazier, Grace Bruer, Roxanne Snively, Westin Opdahl, Britain Kittelson, Braylee Keller, Bella Long, Rylee Jones, Hanna Widicker, Chloe Bartz, Eli Alfstad, Lane Risovi

## Fessenden-Bowdon FFA participates in Leadership Conference

Twelve members of the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter traveled to Rugby recently to participate in the District 3 FFA Leadership Conference. The conference was held on Wednesday, December 11, at the Rugby High School. When all of the events were tabulated, the chapter earned a third place finish for their efforts.

The top highlights of the day included first place finishes by Braylee Keller in the Demonstration event and Eli Alfstad in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking event. Both members qualify for the state

events to be held at the Bismarck Events center on January 7.

Fessenden-Bowdon once again fielded a hard-working team in the parliamentary procedure event and claimed a silver team award with a great effort. Earning gold officer awards were President Rylee Jones, Vice President Hanna Widicker and Sentinel Lane Risovi. Secretary Britain Kittelson, Treasurer Chloe Bartz and Reporter Grace Bruer all earned silver officer ratings.

The FFA quiz team finished third in the event and earned a silver team award. Hanna Widicker earned a gold award

while Rylee Jones and Lane Risovi earned silver awards.

Westin Opdahl was the chapter's freshman contestant in the FFA Creed and delivered an outstanding presentation earning a silver award. Rylee Jones participated in the employment skills event and earned a silver award.

Keller's winning demonstration was on administering stitches while Alfstad's extemporaneous speech was on robots in Agriculture.

A total of four beginning FFA members (Greenhands) participated in the greenhand

quiz. Bella Long led this group with a score of 44/50 which earned her the high individual in the event. The other gold winner for the chapter in the greenhand quiz was Westin Opdahl. Silver award winners included Emilee Cazier and Roxanne Snively. The team earned a gold team rosette.

The Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter would like to thank Warren Strand, Aaron Loff, Rylee Jones, Stacy Benz, Amber Fortney and Haley Lorenz for their help in preparing and judging some of the leadership development events before and during the competition.

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In District Court, Wells County, North Dakota  
In The Matter Of The  
Petition For Name Change  
of Gabriel David Johnson  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR NAME CHANGE

1. Please Take Notice that a Petition will be filed with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the Petitioner's name of Gabriel David Johnson to Gabriel David Erlandson.

2. Notice Is Further Given that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a Petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the Petitioner's name. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated Dec. 30, 2024  
/s/ Gabriel David Johnson  
531 Judy Blvd.  
Harvey, ND 58341  
(Publication Date: January 4, 2025)



## Dorothy Strauss

March 22, 1954 - January 2, 2025

Dorothy Strauss, 70, of Harvey died Friday, December 27, 2024, at her home.

Services were Thursday, January 2, 2025 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Harvey, ND. Burial was in the church cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, at Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey.

Dorothy was born on March 22, 1954 in Harvey, ND to Adolph and Mary (Schuelke) Strauss. She grew up on the family farm near Harvey. Dorothy attended St. Cecilia Catholic School and graduated from the Harvey High School in 1972. She received a business diploma from Akers Business College in Grand Forks and returned to Harvey. Dorothy

was the administrative assistant for Clifford Grosz, Attorney at Law office in Harvey for many years. Dorothy worked parttime at the Wells Eagles Aerie in Harvey where she ran the coat check for years and also as the door person for club events. She enjoyed playing softball and more recently bowling. Dorothy was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church and diligently updated the church sign with quotes and service information. She also watered the plants around the cemetery altar. She was a member of the Wells Eagles Auxiliary and volunteered at the Harvey movie theatre. Dorothy is survived by her brothers Ron Strauss and his wife Yung-Ping Lee of Ellicott City, Maryland, Steve (Cheryl) Strauss of Loveland, CO; 2 nieces, Lesley Strauss and Violet Lee and her husband Ryan Fong; nephews, Jacob Strauss and Andrew Strauss; three great nephews, Grayson Strauss, Benny Fong and Matty Lee; great niece Skylar Strauss. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements with Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey, ND Share online at [www.hertzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hertzfuneralhomes.com)

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<b>UNITED COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 9:30 am	<b>ESMOND</b> <b>ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 108 Alta Ave N; Fr. Steven Wirth December Mass - Saturday, 5 p.m.	<b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Harvey: 733 Judy Blvd., 324-5204 Pastor Harold Chin, 701-312-0978 Sabbath School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am	<b>KIEF</b> <b>LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Luis Coca - Sunday School 9 am Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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<b>BOWDON</b> <b>BOWDON LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 231 Dunham St E, Bowdon 701-962-3337 <a href="mailto:bowdonlutheran@daktel.com">bowdonlutheran@daktel.com</a> Sun school/coffee 9:45 Worship 11 a.m.	<b>LIVING STONE CHAPEL</b> 61 7th Avenue N, Fessenden Jon Couch, Pastor 585-750-1197 Sunday 9:30 am	<b>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA</b> 1520 Advent St, Harvey 324-2548 Pastor Katie Rodriguez <a href="mailto:harveyfirstlutheran.com">harveyfirstlutheran.com</a> / <a href="mailto:firstlcm@gondtc.com">firstlcm@gondtc.com</a> Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.	<b>MANFRED</b> <b>MANFRED SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> 1510 34th Ave NE Pastor Harold Chin, 701-312-0978 Sabbath School 10; Worship 11 a.m.
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<b>BOWDON COUNTRY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> 182 43rd Ave NE Pastor Harold Chin, 701-312-0978 Sabbath School 10 am Worship 11:10	<b>GOODRICH</b> <b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Warren Rhodes 363-2420 Goodrich: Family Worship 9:45 am	<b>HARVEY GOSPEL CHAPEL</b> PO Box 221, 210 W. 8th St., Harvey. 1/2 block west of City Hall Sun. 11 am Ministry & Sunday School; 1st & 3rd Wed. 7 pm prayer meeting	<b>MCCLUSKY</b> <b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Warren Rhodes 701-363-2420 Family Sunday School 10 a.m. Family Worship 11:15 a.m.
<b>CHASELEY</b> <b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Warren Rhodes 363-2420 Morning Worship 8:45 a.m.	<b>HARVEY</b> <b>HARVEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 1020 Millennium Drive 324-4985 Pastor Kevin Shumway Sun. School 9:30 am. Worship 10:30	<b>NEW LIFE ON MAIN</b> Pastor Jeff Robison 802 Lincoln Ave., Harvey 324-4011 <a href="http://www.newlifeonmain.org">www.newlifeonmain.org</a> Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship 10:20 a.m.	<b>HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 409 Ave B East, 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays at 8 a.m. 5th Sunday at 5 p.m. Saturday
<b>DRAKE</b> <b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF DRAKE AND MARTIN</b> Salem Methodist Drake: Worship 8:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m.	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN</b> Sun.: Services 9 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays	<b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY</b> Pastor Jeff Blomquist 324-4261 North Campus: 100 N St E 324-2405 South Campus: 220 9th St W 324-4261 Harvey, ND 58341 Parsonage 324-2408 Sun. School 9:30 am. Worship 10:30 am.	<b>SELZ</b> <b>ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
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