



## LaVern Crider

April 5, 1930 - November 20, 2021

A private graveside service for LaVern Crider was held at Maple Hill Cemetery with Pastor Jacob Heppner presiding.

LaVern Maynard Crider was born to Vernon and Melvina (Chapman) Crider on April 5, 1930, at home on a farm near Bertha, MN. When he was a young child, he and his parents moved to the Chapman family farm near Eagle Bend, where his two younger brothers were born and where he lived until he was married. LaVern attended the Crider Country School and then Eagle Bend High School, where he graduated with the class of 1948.

LaVern married Genevieve Nelson on January 26, 1952. They first rented a farm in rural Bertha and then in 1954 purchased a farm near his parents, where they raised their five children. In April 2004, after living on the farm for fifty years, they moved to a home in Wadena.

Genny passed away on October 19, 2015. LaVern married Audrey Jacobson on his 87th birthday; April 5, 2017. He then moved to the Jacobson farm in rural Clarissa, where he lived until his death.

LaVern accepted Christ as his Savior in his youth. He attended the Free Methodist Church until he married Genny. They attended the Free Mission Church in Clarissa for twenty years, before joining Southbrook Baptist Church

located in Wadena in 1972. LaVern was a deacon, taught the adult Sunday School class, sang special music and was faithful in his service for Christ. While he enjoyed life, his family and loved ones, he was comforted, particularly as his health declined, in knowing that he would one day be with his Savior. LaVern, age 91, passed away at home on Saturday evening, November 20, 2021, with Audrey at his side. And now, his faith has become sight.

LaVern was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Melvie Crider; wife Genny; brother Marlin and wife Joanne; grandson Kyle Crider; and son-in-law Gary Kosel.

He is survived by: his wife, Audrey; children Jim ( Bonnie), Karen (Morrie) Stenberg, Jan (Lew) Lollar, Brenda (Jim) Ley, and Al (Carolyn); brother, Lyle (Roberta); ten grandchildren & eleven great-grandchildren; Audrey's children Bruce (Robin), Cynthia, Paul (Barbara), Karen, and John (Kristen) Jacobson; her eight grandchildren; as well as many other relatives and friends.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” Psalm 116:15.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in LaVern’s name be directed to his church or missions as designated by the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

16659 County Road 78  
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Lavern and his family were neighbors when we were on the farm...special people...our sympathy to the children...Curt and Bonnie Hansen*

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**Bonnie Hansen** - December 02, 2021 at 03:22 PM

RM

“ *My earliest memory of LaVern is when he would ride by our home north of Clarissa in a horse drawn buggy. It was very fascinating to a young girl to see such a sight. He was kind enough to even take us for a ride! When I think of LaVern, I think of a quiet, gentle soft-spoken man. He was sincere in his faith and appreciative of others. I also think of a steadfast, faithful man. He was dedicated to his wife, Genny, and his family. I know that he was especially grateful for the loving care of his second wife, Audrey, during these past four and a half years. Audrey is like a second mom to me. It was a double blessing to see them live out their faith and loving care for one another and others. I was also privileged to know Vernon and Melvie Crider (LaVern's parents) and other members of his family. When I think of the Crider family, I think of a Christian family with a rich heritage. My love and sympathy to LaVern's children, his wife Audrey, and extended family. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. God bless the memory of LaVern Crider.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Rachel (Nygren) Maki*

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**Rachel Maki** - November 27, 2021 at 02:05 PM

CF

“ *LaVern was an honest, kind, gentle, and friendly man. I always enjoyed talking with him when we would meet. My sympathies to his family and God bless his memory.*

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**Curt Folkestad** - November 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Julia Peery** - November 23, 2021 at 12:55 AM

JH

*My condolences to LaVern's family. I enjoyed visiting cousin LaVern last April at his home.*

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**John Hokanson** - November 23, 2021 at 07:58 PM

LR

*We are sorry to hear of your loss of your dad. Cherish the wonderful memories he left you and praise the Lord for our hope of heaven with our Savior. We have wonderful memories of the Crider sisters when they lived in Moorhead. ❤️ Lois & John Rasmussen*

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**lois Rasmussen** - November 23, 2021 at 08:04 PM