

# Dorothy Norby, founder of Norby's store, dies

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Dorothy P. Norby, a founder of Norby's department store in Grand Forks, died Tuesday in Baptist Nursing Home, Bismarck. She was 88.

Founded in 1938 by her and her husband, George, Norby's was a clothing institution in the Red River Valley.

The Rev. Wayne Stark, 2006 Oak St., chief executive officer of Valley Memorial Homes, Grand Forks, and former pastor at United Lutheran Church, knew the Norbys when they were in business. "She was very vitally involved with the business," Stark said, "and was also involved in Norby's when her sons took over."

Norby's grandson, Doug Norby, owns Norby's Office Supply, Grand Forks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Grand Forks. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m.



**Dorothy Norby**

today, with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service, in Amundson Funeral Home, Grand Forks, and one hour before services in the church.

Dorothy S. Parsons was born July 31, 1903, in Lidgerwood, N.D., the daughter of Arthur and Floy Parsons. She graduated from Lidgerwood High School; attended The Girls Collegiate School in Los Angeles and Winona (Minn.) State College; and graduated from UND in 1927. She taught school in Hillsboro, N.D., and married George W. Norby Oct. 17, 1928, in Lidgerwood. They lived in Barnesville, Minn., and moved to Grand Forks in 1938 to found the department store. George W. Norby died Sept. 14, 1970. She married G. Edmund Clarke Sept. 4, 1983, in Grand Forks.

He survives with sons, John K. Norby, Bismarck and Almont, N.D., and George W.P., Casablanca, Morocco; four grandchildren, one great-grandson; stepson, John Clarke, Madison, Wis.; and stepdaughters, Mary Jane Clark, Wausau, Wis., and Margaret Clark, San Francisco.

She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Doris, in 1904, and sister, Ruth, in 1990; and brother, Arthur, in 1977.