

"The home where I am going
Has been ready for awhile
I've heard of shiny, golden streets
That surely bring a smile.
So I'll lay down all my burdens
That I've carried for so long
And lift my face to Heaven
Full of love and Angel's song."
-Eunice Bjornstad



In Loving Memory

Julia C. Bjornstad

March 30, 1929 - September 18, 2026



Julia Christina (Boe) Bjornstad was born in rural Langdon, ND to Arne and Victoria (Beckwick) Boe on March 30, 1929. She was the oldest of 7 children. She grew up in the rural Langdon area. After graduation from Langdon high school in 1947, Julia attended Valley City State College and shortly thereafter began teaching in a 1 room country school. Julia and her family attended Big Pembina Lutheran Church near their home and this is where she met a humble young farmer named Omar Bjornstad. Omar and Julia grew up together in the church and began dating and were married on August 19, 1950. After Omar passed away on January 1, 2018 at age 90, Julia continued to reside in Walhalla @ North Border before moving to Woodside Village in Grand Forks in April of 2024.

Julia and Omar spent nearly 70 years together on their farm living a life centered around faith, family, farming and appreciation for the simple pleasures in life. Their farm overlooked the beautiful Pembina Gorge and was a 3rd generation occupancy by family. It was a very quiet and soulful existence nearly 20 miles from the closest town. Julia loved company and having guests in her home and her passion for cooking and baking was evident whenever they were present. Guests at Julia and Omar's house were never "hungry!"

Omar and Julia were devoted members of the Big Pembina Lutheran Church and felt blessed to be surrounded by the families and friends who also worshipped there.

Julia and Omar were blessed with 4 children - David (Kathy) Bjornstad Grand Forks, Mark (Erika) Bjornstad Walhalla, Mary Jane (Alan) O'Neil, Grand Forks and Steve (Jane) Bjornstad , Walhalla, 12 grandchildren – Kristyn (Jeramy), Kallie (Danny), Kyle (Kim), Jeff (Joshlyn), Travis (Shannon), Rebecca, Joel (Megan), Leigh Ann (Matt), Jackie (Josef), Ellie (Max), Maddie (Chris), Charlie (Shelby), and 26 great-grandchildren. Julia is also survived by siblings Marie Peterson, Arvid (Sandy) Boe, Ardyce (David) Hennager, Judy (Tom) Waind and John (Karen) Boe. Julia was pre-deceased by her parents, husband Omar, sister Marion, brother-in-laws Judd Johnson and Ronald Peterson.

Julia C. Bjornstad, 97, passed away on the morning of September 18th at Woodside Village in Grand Forks. With beautiful music comforting her and loved ones present, when the song "I'LL FLY AWAY" began playing. she left to be joyfully reunited in heaven with Omar. True to the song lyrics, *"Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away."*

Julia's family wishes to thank everyone who stopped to visit her, thought about, or prayed for her especially during the last few years.

Julia's family would also like to give a special thank you for the loving care, friendship and kindness given to her during her time at Valley Senior Living in Grand Forks.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 25, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Walhalla Lutheran Church
Walhalla, North Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Shilice Larsen

READERS

Maddie Engelstad & Jackie Hofmeister

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Beautiful Savior"
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace" 'The Old Rugged Cross"
Brendyn Lafferty, Soloist
Anita Mathison, Accompanist

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Julia's Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Big Pembina Lutheran Cemetery
Langdon, North Dakota