Allan Leslie Nygaard, a cherished resident of Starbuck, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2026, at the age of 95. He left this world under the compassionate care of Glacial Ridge Homecare & Hospice. Born on July 26, 1931, to Magnus Nygaard and Rhoda Moe, Allan's roots were deeply entwined with the Starbuck community.

A life illuminated by dedication, Allan was baptized and confirmed at Indherred Lutheran Church, where he remained a lifelong member. He completed his education in Starbuck, graduating in 1949, and briefly attended the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Allan's enduring love for farming saw him through years of dairy and hog farming until 2003, after which he devoted 25 years to grain farming. His commitment to agriculture was evident in his active participation with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and his role on the state board. A proud member of the Mid-America Dairy Board, Allan often traveled to Missouri, contributing his insights at various conventions.

In addition to his agricultural pursuits, Allan served as a Minnewaska Township Supervisor for an impressive 52 years and proudly represented his community in Washington, DC. He also supervised voting at many elections over the years and was very active in grass roots politics. He was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary. A committed member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity for 76 years, Allan maintained the friendships and values that defined his formative years.

On July 7, 1956, Allan married Yvonne Jackson in Starbuck, together nurturing a family of five children. The joys of family life included dancing at Lakeside, weekly Bridge games with friends, supporting the kids and working in 4-H organizations, and cherished family vacations to the State Fair. Allan and Yvonne shared a deep bond, evidenced by their dedication to attending the events of their children and grandchildren.

Allan's gentle spirit, kind nature, and love for his tractors and dogs were a testament to his character. He was known for his easy going and gentle nature, content in the simplicity of a well-lived life, Loved by all – young and old.

Continuing his legacy, he is survived by his children, Jenell Nilles, Mel (Tom) Millerbernd, Keith (Denise) Nygaard, Karen Hoff, and Kyle (Alison) Nygaard; grandchildren, Ben Nilles, Becky (Mike) Olson, Andrea (Jason) Huschle, Kelly (Justin) Franz, Brooke (Matthew) Aymond, Megan (Ben) Hill, Jacob (Amanda) Nygaard, Jon Nygaard, Nate (Sarah) Erickson, Amanda (Clayton) Horn, Jackson Nygaard, Georgia Nygaard, Josh (Melissa) Wolf, Anthony (Samantha) Wolf, Zach Wolf; and great-grandchildren Aubrey, Cody, Nora, Hudson, Elleson, Harrison, Miller, Loden, Brady, Shay, Grant, Camden, Conor, Nolan, Oliver, Ethan, Eva, Leah, Maylana, Theo, and Myles; Yvonne's siblings have always been important to him: Dennis (Jerri) Jackson, Sharon (Ralph) Sanvik (both deceased), Frayne (Loren, deceased) Seeley and Marsh (Luayne) Jackson, as well as their families.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Yvonne (Jackson) Nygaard; parents, Magnus Nygaard and Rhoda (Moe) Nygaard; grandson, Nolan Erickson; and son-in-law, David Nilles.

The family extends heartfelt thanks for the wonderful care provided to Allan by everyone at Glenwood Retirement Village and Glacial Ridge Homecare and Hospice.

Please use this QR Code to access Allan*'s online guestbook and tribute video.*

Starbuck Funeral Home



Allan L. Nygaard

1931 – 2026

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you.
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me
Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Allan Leslie Nygaard

July 26, 1931 - September 16, 2026

Services At:
Indherred Lutheran Church
Starbuck, Minnesota
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Pastor Andrew Hermodson-Olsen

Musician:
Amy VanZee

Soloist:
Jere Solvie

Pallbearers:
Ben Nilles, Andrea Huschle, Megan Hill
Jacob Nygaard, Jon Nygaard, Amanda Horn

Honorary Pallbearers:
Becky Olson, Kelly Franz, Brooke Aymond
Nate Erickson, Jackson Nygaard, Georgia Nygaard
Josh Wolf, Anthony Wolf, Zach Wolf

Interment:
Indherred Cemetery
Starbuck, Minnesota