

Barbara Gretchen (Paulson) Nornes was born on January 27, 1935, to Leonard and Judith (Trandem) Paulson in Woodside Township of Polk County, MN. She was baptized and confirmed at Rodnes Lutheran Church. She grew up on a farm and attended elementary school at Maple Grove Country School (her teacher was Olga Ness, grandmother of her future daughter-in-law) and graduated from Erskine High School in 1952.



On December 25, 1953, Barbara was united in marriage to Roger Nornes. He was in the Army and home on a three-day pass from Fort Riley, Kansas. She finished her teaching degree at Bemidji State. Barbara taught school in Bemidji, Rapid River, MI, Fosston, Thief River Falls, and Ortonville, MN.

They moved to Ortonville in 1964, where she began 29 years teaching her very favorite... Kindergarten. She was such an impactful teacher. Her fingerprints continue to be seen everywhere. Teaching and loving children didn't end in the classroom. Mothering her two children, their friends, and everyone around her was a full-time vocation. She was a Boy and Girl Scout leader and taught children at First English Lutheran, where she was still a member. She was a formidable leader and organizer in everything from golf tournaments to Altar Guild. Most important to her was to do God's work with a servant-filled heart.

Through the years, Roger and Barbara were busy volunteering around Ortonville. Some highlights were volunteering for the Summer Olympics and several PGA Golf Tournaments. She frequently said how grateful she was that they had traveled and experienced so much. During their nearly 72 years of marriage, caring for Roger was always her joy; in later years, it became her full-time focus.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Roger; her children: Jeff (Kris) Nornes of Erskine, MN; and Jacalyn Nornes of Crosby, MN; three grandchildren: Casey (Alyssa) Nornes of Hutchinson, MN; Riley Nornes of St. Paul, MN; and Indiana (Ivan) Holm of Fargo, ND; three great-grandchildren: Thatcher, Lilah, and Judson Nornes; a sister, Linda Ranisate of Bagley, MN; nieces and nephews: Lori and Steve Randall of Ramsey, MN; Jacob (Hazel) and Addison, and Leah and Chris Swenby, Caleb and Caiden of Fertile, MN. Preceding her in death were her parents: Leonard and Judith; and three infant siblings: Roger, Dennis, and Janna; and brother-in-law, Lloyd Ranisate.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Barbara Nornes



WHO WAS BORN

January 27, 1935
Erskine, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

November 25, 2025
Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 29, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.
First English Lutheran Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CLERGY

Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

MUSIC

Amy Adelman, Organist
Nancy and Norah Hilleren, Vocalists



SPECIAL SONGS

"Children of the Heavenly Father" | "You Are Mine" | "For All the Saint's"

ACTIVE URN BEARERS

Beloved Children
Jeffery Nornes | Jackie Nornes

APPRECIATION

Barbara's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service please join the family for a time of fellowship and luncheon at the church dining area.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

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Just a Moment

*One moment of caring,
for someone in need,
with a heart of compassion
to go with the deed.*

*One moment of sharing,
to lessen one's load,
just a little candle,
can light up the road.*

*One moment of loving
is good for the soul,
it's something I know,
not what I've been told.*

*Remember the message;
it's plain as can be,
"Ye do unto others,
Ye do unto me".*

Mildred H. Bell

Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Barbara Vornes