

Norma Gene Nyhaug was born on February 11, 1931, in Volin, South Dakota, to Martin "Jack" and Lottie (Gustad) Peterson. She was baptized at home and confirmed at the Volin Lutheran Church and graduated from Volin High School in 1949. She married her high school sweetheart, Russell Nyhaug, on March 1, 1950, in Volin. The couple farmed in the Volin area until Russ attended diesel mechanic school in Chicago. Russ's career took them all over the state of South Dakota while he worked on missile silos and the Oahe Dam. They lived in Kadoka, White River, Murdo, Ft. Pierre, and New Underwood. Norma was the center of the family during those years ensuring continuity during the moves. They finally settled in Baltic in 1964 until November 2017 when they moved to Touchmark at All Saints in Sioux Falls. Russ died on February 20, 2017.

Norma loved her role as a homemaker and mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. During her time as a homemaker, Norma also provided daycare in her home to many children in Baltic. In September 1972, she started her career with the United States Post Office (USPS) working in Baltic and Sioux Falls. Norma retired from the USPS in September 1992.

Norma was a very active member of Baltic Lutheran Church, member of the Baltic Red Hatter's Society and a lifelong member of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Norma's homemade buns and brownies were known not only to her family but to many of her friends. They were always a request from family for any gathering or picnic. Norma was caring and supportive woman with a positive outlook on life. She could find a silver lining in any situation thereby helping many friends and family. She was spunky and just when you thought there would be no comeback from her, Norma would surprise you with a twinkle in her eye.

Norma and Russ traveled to Norway, Washington, DC, Virginia, and New Mexico, along with many trips to Omaha to visit her sister and brother. For many years, Norma and Russ, along with relatives, loved to go to Host Fest in Minot, North Dakota every year. Norma passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2025, in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include her sons: Steven (Teri) Nyhaug, Sioux Falls, Jeffrey (Jane) Nyhaug, Sioux Falls, and John (Connie) Nyhaug, Viborg; six grandchildren: Erik (Shawna) Nyhaug, Beresford, Jason (Jim Wood) Nyhaug, Brookings, Sarah (Benjamin) Lehman, Fridley, MN, Adam Nyhaug, Sioux Falls, Amanda Nyhaug, Vermillion, and Michelle (Jake) Swanstrom, Mitchell; six great-grandchildren: Kaleb Nyhaug, Tiegen Nyhaug, Camryn Swanstrom, Kaelynn Swanstrom, Avery Swanstrom, and Warren Lehman; and three step-great grandchildren: Justin, Ty, and Colton Haneke, sister-in-law, Christie (Nyhaug) Dunbar, Rapid City, and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russ, parents, Martin and Lottie, sister, Esther (Peterson) Klemmensen, and brothers, Robert "Bob" Peterson, and Harold "Pete" Peterson.

In Memory Of **Norma Gene Nyhaug**

February 11, 1931 † January 17, 2025

Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Baltic Lutheran Church

Baltic, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Randall Questad

Organist

Ellen Aadland

Congregational Hymns

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

“Softly and Tenderly”

“How Great Thou Art”

Pallbearers

Norma's Grandchildren

Erik Nyhaug

Sarah Lehman

Amanda Nyhaug

Jason Nyhaug

Adam Nyhaug

Michelle Swanstrom

Honorary Pallbearers

Norma's Great Grandchildren

Kaleb Nyhaug

Camryn Swanstrom

Avery Swanstrom

Tiegen Nyhaug

Kaelynn Swanstrom

Warren Lehman

Interment

St. Olaf Lutheran Cemetery

Baltic, South Dakota

The family of Norma Nyhaug thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to refreshments and fellowship in the church basement following the service.

Kiss Me Gently On The Forehead

***Kiss me gently on the forehead.
Hold my hand then let me go.
Whisper Jesus' words so gently.
Tell me that He loves me so.***

***Tell me that my Savior's caring
Outstretched arms will welcome me.
Bonds are severed from earth's trials.
Fears have vanished, I am free.***

***Tell me that my Lord is calling.
(I am tired, weak and old.)
Tell me that my Home is waiting
Where the streets are paved in gold.***

***Whisper words of Him so gently.
(Saved by Christ, Who loves me so.)
Kiss me gently on the forehead.
Hold my hand then let me go.***

-Betty G. Alexander

A Life Remembered



Norma Gene Nyhaug
February 11, 1931 - January 17, 2025