



Iris Claire (Nelson) Backlund, was born on December 30, 1930, in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of Nickoli and Laura (Arithson) Nelson. She grew up in Willmar and graduated from Willmar High School in 1948. Later in 1948, Iris was married to Allan LeRoy Backlund and they made their home on a farm near Kandiyohi. Together they raised four children and Iris worked along side Allan on the farm. She was an active member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Her hobbies included doing crossword puzzles, watching

Jeopardy and reading. She also enjoyed filming harness races where her son, John and daughter, Jan raced trotters and pacers.

She is survived by three children, Janice Backlund of Kandiyohi, Laurie (and John) Lynch of Orange Park, FL., and Joel Backlund (and special friend, David Gallegos) of Albuquerque, NM.; three grandchildren, Justin (and Sue) Backlund, Elizabeth (and Mike) Kings and David Berhanu; and eight great grandchildren, Jackson, Zemira, Makena and Elijah Backlund, Claire and Chloe Kings and Sona and Macko Berhanu. Also surviving is a daughter-in-law, Mary Backlund of Brainerd, sister-in-law, Emily Cole of Decorah, IA.; brother-in-law, Dick Tornquist of Willmar and lifelong friend, Gladys Carlson of Willmar, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allan in 2013; her son, John in 2015; an infant grandson, David in 1985; sister, Kathryn Tornquist; brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Martha Nelson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Anna Mae and Howard Peterson; and brother-in-law, Austin Cole.

Officiant: Pastor Sherri Larson

Reader: Rod Tornquist **Musician:** Betsy Hallberg

Casketbearers:

Rod Tornquist Ross Peterson Brad Backlund

Gigi Brouillette Anthony Brouillette Darry Benson

A Service of Thanksgiving in Remembrance of
Iris Backlund

December 30, 1930 - August 10, 2022



Funeral Service

August 17, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church
Kandiyohi, Minnesota

PRELUDE "In the Garden"

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Iris, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into his death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the dead to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Day by Day" ELW 790

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Iris. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING OF THE OBITUARY

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 91
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30
The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Sherri Larson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW 608

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with, "God of mercy;" please respond "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Iris Backlund to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Iris. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

SENDING Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE