

Norma B. (Olsen) Nelson, 87, Mandan, passed away on December 15, 2021, at Marian

Manor in Glen Ullin.

Norma was born on April 6, 1934, in Bismarck to Carl and Adla (Johnson) Olsen. Raised and educated in Mandan, she graduated from Mandan High School in 1951 and from Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. She worked as a surgical nurse and as a camp nurse at the Farm Bureau Citizenship Camp over the years. On December 3, 1954, Norma married Clifford Melson at First Lutheran Church in Mandan. They made their home on Cliff's family farm, Sunrise Ranch, south of Mandan where they raised their five children and farmed and ranched for their entire lives. The ranch was inducted into the MD Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003, the same year Cliff passed away.

A gracious and kind hostess, Norma would always welcome guests into her home, the more the merrier, sharing her fresh baked goods and delicious meals. She grew a large garden and loved to can the produce to last all year long. Norma loved holidays with her family and

sent beautiful, personalized cards to her family and friends. She was a talent-ed and crafty seamstress, making her own satin wedding dress and later her families clothing.

Norma was generous and giving of her time and talents and was involved in numerous organizations and groups including, Heart River Ladies Aide, Highland Homemakers for 64 years, Highland 4-H, District 5 Cattlewomen, Morton County and ND Farm Bureau, Heart River Cemetery Association, ND Stockmen's Association, and West River Lions.

Blessed to have shared in her life is her daughter, Susan Epps, Mandan; three sons, Terry, Kevin, and Dennis (Carla) Nelson, all of Mandan; son-in-law, Paul Toman, Fountain Hills, AZ; five grandchildren, Andrea (Neil) Toman, Jeremiah (Molly) Epps, Sara (Tony) LaBarre, David Epps, and Garrett Melson; nine great-grandchildren, Jackson, Nicholas, Ezekiel and Anya Toman, Jack Murphy, Emmett and Lacey Epps, and Tevin and Liliah Christianson; sister, LaVerne Nelson,

Mandan; brother, Duane (Mavis) Olsen, Mandan; sister-in-law, Esther Papp, Covina, CA; several nieces and nephews; and her very special friend, Theresa Tokach, Mandan.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Clifford; daughter, Donna

Toman; her parents; and one brother, Leland Olsen.

Luncial and Cremation Service

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Norma.

## ~ Our Favorite Place ~

Of all the rooms that are in this house, the one that's used more than the rest
Where the family meets most often, it seems the kitchen is the best.

Around Mom's kitchen table, where many a mouth has been fed
Tasting Mom's fresh baked goodies, and sometimes her homemade bread.

Memories have been made at this table, not all have been filled with joy
But many fresh goodies have been served here, for many little girls and boys.

Whenever someone comes to visit, this is usually where we sit

To sip from a fresh cup of coffee, and visit for just a bit.

Many holidays we have gotten together, food brought here by everyone

Not all can fit at this table, so we use extra tables for some.

The many times at this kitchen table, as we sit in our favorite place

As our food is placed before us, most often we begin with grace.

Funeral Service

Tuesday, December 21, 2021; 10:30 AM
First Lutheran Church, 408 9th Street NW, Mandan, ND
Officiants
Pastor Phil Leer & Pastor John Hansen
Loretta White
Special Music
Casketbearers

Garrett Nelson, Jeremiah Epps, David Epps, Paul Tokach
Ethan Olsen, Garrett Kirchmeier, Carle Jo Roeder, & Miranda Clarys

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Special Music by Chuck Suchy

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