

Remembering the life of

Noritta Diane was born on December 23, 1945 to Clifford and Hazel (Speten) Anderson in Fergus Falls, Minnesota and baptized into the Christian faith at Nidaros Lutheran Church, rural Clitherall. Noritta lived with her family for about two years on a farm in the Clitherall area before the family moved to their farm west of Millerville where she was raised, graduating from Brandon High School in 1964.

After high school Noritta went to work at a bank in Minneapolis for a time until she was married to Jim Anderson on September 23, 1967. To this union three children were born – Michelle, Mitchell and Melissa. After she and Jim were married, Noritta worked for several years at Fingerhut in Alexandria until they decided it was best for Noritta to be a stay at home mom, which she did with unfailing love and commitment. About this time, they moved to a small farm bordering the farm on which she was raised and eventually buying her home farm, which allowed Noritta to enjoy the quiet, simple life and honest work of farming in addition to being a great mom while being close to her family which was also very important to her. This love for close family ties has clearly been passed down to her children and grandchildren. She understood that nothing shows more love for your children than to make sure they were raised to follow their Christian faith, so she faithfully participated in her children's religious education and promoted these ideals to her children and grandchildren throughout her life.

Noritta held close to the traditions of her family and her Scandinavian ancestry in many ways. Christmas time was filled with love, meals and Christmas baking that are hard to adequately describe. The same applies to every holiday and birthday that came around. She would never let someone go hungry and it's safe to say that the food she made was reliably excellent and plentiful. These are some of the many ways she showed she loved and appreciated her family. She was very proud of her grandkids at every stage in their lives and loved attending concerts, ballgames and other events they were involved in.

In 2002, Noritta and Jim built their retirement home on the farm she was raised on and this home was perfectly tailored to host the gatherings and family she enjoyed so much. After several months of failing health but stubborn determination to live, Noritta saw this was a battle she wasn't going to win and wanted to go home. She was called home to be with Jesus and her loved ones previously passed on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Noritta was preceded in death by her father Clifford, mother Hazel, brother Harold, brother Gerald and sister Ardele. She is survived by her husband Jim; Children-Michelle Shores, Mitchell (Stephanie) Anderson and Melissa (Dan) Bitzan-Anderson; grandchildren - Robert Shores, Ken Shores, Tom Shores, Mitch (Emily) Anderson Jr., Michael (Mariah) Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Brooke Bitzan, Kayla Bitzan-Anderson, Wyatt Bitzan, Miranda Bitzan-Anderson, Henrik Bitzan; and great-grandchildren - Hazel Anderson and Millie Anderson.

Blessed be the Memory of Noritta Anderson



In Loving Memory Of
Noritta D. Anderson
December 23, 1945 ~ December 17, 2022

Funeral Service

Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM
Nidaros Lutheran Church
Rural Clitherall, Minnesota

Congregational Singing.....Diane Bjerketvedt, organist
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Greeting and Prayer.....Reverend Leif Johnson
Story of Noritta's Life..... Reverend Leif Johnson
Scriptures.....Reverend Leif Johnson

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Jeremiah 29: 11-13 ~ John 16: 22-33

Message..... Reverend Leif Johnson
Apostles Creed.....Congregation
Congregational Singing.....Diane Bjerketvedt, organist
718 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Prayer.....Reverend Leif Johnson
The Lord's Prayer.....Congregation
Congregational Singing.....Diane Bjerketvedt, organist
#787 "On Eagles Wings"

Commendation.....Reverend Leif Johnson
Congregational Singing.....Diane Bjerketvedt, organist
#856 "How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Noritta's Nieces and Nephews

Casket Bearers

Robert Shores ~ Mitch Anderson, Jr. ~ Michael Anderson
Matthew Anderson ~ Tom Shores ~ Ken Shores
Wyatt Bitzan ~ Brooke Bitzan ~ Kayla Bitzan-Anderson
Miranda Bitzan-Anderson ~ Hendrik Bitzan

Interment

Christina Lake Cemetery ~ Evansville, Minnesota

Appreciation

Noritta's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

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God saw that she was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around her and
whispered "Come with Me."

With teary eyes we watched her suffer,
and saw her fade away,

Although we loved her dearly,
we could not make her stay.

A golden heart has stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

