

Eleanor Alice Marion (Albertson) Norling was born in La Grand Township, Douglas County on December 7, 1920 to Elling and Louise (Angen) Albertson. She was a middle child raised with two brothers, Earl and Francis. She was baptized and confirmed at East Moe Lutheran Church, attended Garfield school for eight years and graduated from Alexandria Central High School in 1939.

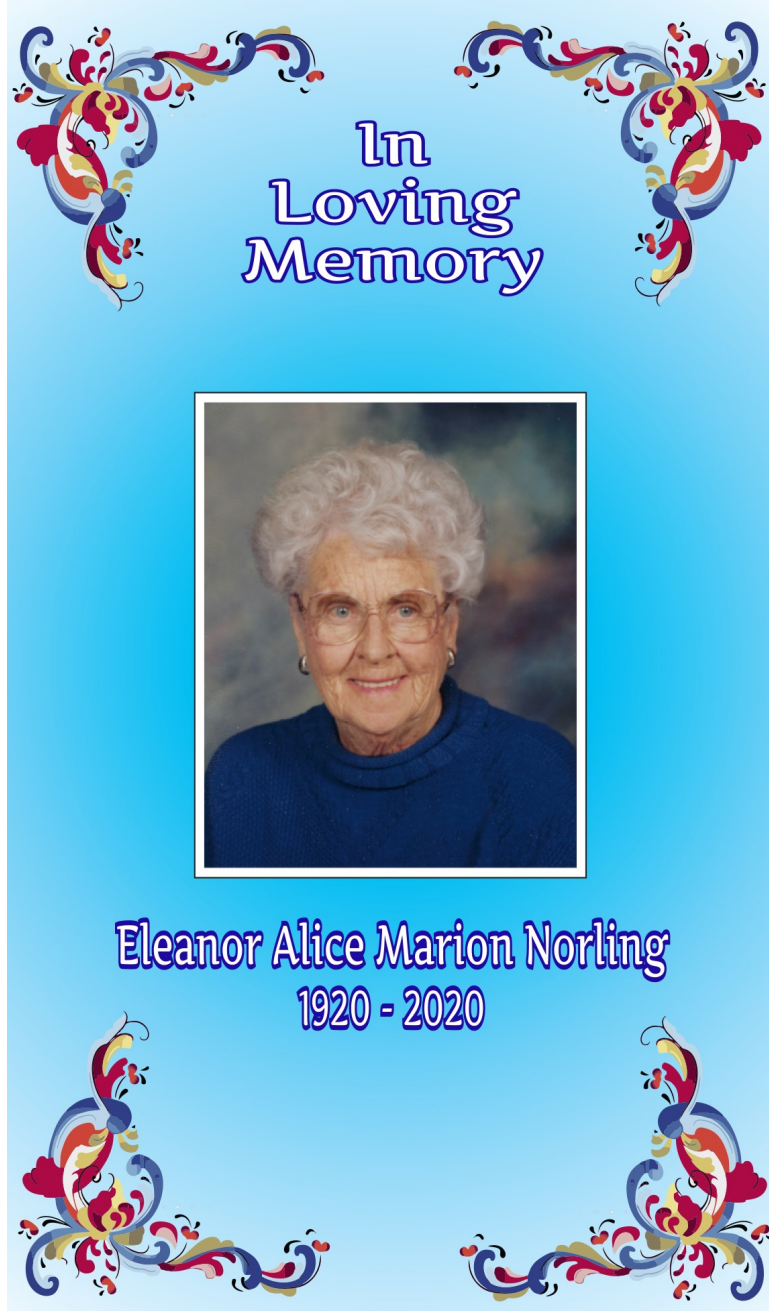
She was employed by Garfield Telephone and by Greyhound Bus Lines in Minneapolis during World War II, working in the charter services department that transported draftees to and from Fort Snelling. She was married to Vernon Norling on April 7, 1947 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Garfield. The couple lived on a farm in rural Douglas County and raised two children.

Eleanor became an active member of St. Luke's, serving on several committees and service circles within the church. She was a member of both the Alexandria VFW and American Legion auxiliaries and the Garfield Senior Citizens organization.

In addition to gardening, knitting, crocheting and being an excellent cook, Eleanor was immensely proud of her Norwegian heritage, was practiced in the art of rosemaling and in 1997, traveled to Norway to experience the land of her ancestors. She was also a passionate and enthusiastic fan of the Minnesota Twins. Eleanor dearly loved her husband, children and grandson. Having lived nearly her entire life in Douglas County, there were countless lifelong friendships in her circle that meant the world to her.

She was cherished by many, and will be deeply missed by her son Gary Norling (Jenny) of Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, grandson Cody Norling of Napa, California, sister-in-law Margine Norling of Garfield, numerous nieces and nephews and by Al Davison of Brainerd, who adored her as a second mother in his life.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, by her husband Vernon, and her daughter Nancy.



### I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

### In Memory of Eleanor Alice Marion Norling

December 7, 1920 † November 12, 2020

#### Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, November 21, 2020 2:00 PM

#### Officiant

Reverend David Gran

#### Casket Bearers

Gary Norling                      Cody Norling  
Al Davison                         Joel Albertson

#### Internment

St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery  
Garfield, Minnesota