



## Leona Niemeyer

June 28, 1936 - April 22, 2026

Leona Niemeyer, 89-year-old resident of Long Prairie, MN, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at her home in Long Prairie, MN. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the Swanville Bible Church, at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Bruce Miller officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 A.M., prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Moses Dane Cemetery in Burtrum, MN, following the service. Caring for Leona and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Leona Mae Palm was born on June 28, 1936, near Swanville in Burnhamville Township to the late Albert and Florence (Stoll) Palm. A couple of her uncles nicknamed her Dolly because she was so small. Her growing up years were spent on a farm south of Swanville. Leona attended grade school in Burtrum, graduated from high school from Swanville in 1954, and after three years graduated from St. Cloud Teacher College. She taught second grade for two years in Mora, Minnesota. Leona married Henry Niemeyer on July 25, 1959 in Swanville. Henry was a telegrapher for the railroad, which took them to three states in their first year of marriage. They eventually settled in Glendive, Montana, where all four of their children were born and raised. The family vacationed for many years in Minnesota, visiting family around the area and helping on the Palm family farm. She was baptized in the First Congregational Church in Glendive, where she taught Sunday School, was active in many fellowship groups for women, and served on various church boards. She was

also a member of the Women of the Moose. When Henry retired in 1993, they moved back to Minnesota to the Long Prairie area on a hobby farm, which was their pride and joy for many years. She enjoyed time in her vegetable and flower gardens. Frozen apple cider was a family treat. They moved into Long Prairie in 2014. After returning, she reestablished her family connection with the Swanville Bible Church. Leona liked to cook, bake, and sew for her family, quilt, do hand crafts and embroidery. She spent time doing word searches and jigsaw puzzles. She especially enjoyed when family and grandchildren could come visit, giving her an opportunity to make special meals or treats.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Nancy (Terry) Pedersen of Glendive, Montana, Sharon (Tom) Neel of Panora, Iowa, Gayle Zickuhr of Billings, Montana, and daughter-in-law, Jolee Niemeyer of Bismarck, North Dakota; grandchildren, Breanne and Emily Neel, Chelsey and Kyle Niemeyer, Nicholas (Kendra) Zickuhr, and one great-granddaughter, Emily Zickuhr. She is also survived by her brother, Glenn (Arlene) Palm; sisters-in-law, Darlene Palm, Ann Burger, Beatrice Rahn; brother-in-law, Andy Staricka, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Henry; son, Kevin; siblings, Francis (Sandy), Judith Heisick (Ervin Koehn and Raymond), Herb (Dorothy), Betty Staricka, Scotty, David, and sister-in-law, Joyce (Strom) Palm; as well as many of Henry's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Moses Dane Cemetery

Burtrum, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church  
301 Berkey Ave  
Swanville, MN 56382-4408  
(719) 599-5999

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church  
301 Berkley Avenue  
Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Leona Niemeyer*.



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April 29 at 09:37 PM



“ *Halsey family* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of *Leona Niemeyer*.



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**Halsey family** - April 28 at 11:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *Leona Niemeyer*.



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April 26 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Leona Niemeyer*.

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April 26 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ The Keil and Marsden Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Leona Niemeyer.



The Keil and Marsden Family - April 25 at 04:03 PM

TF

“ The Keil and Marsden Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leona Niemeyer.

The Keil and Marsden Family - April 25 at 04:03 PM

RC

“ Robert & Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer



Robert & Pam Czech - April 24 at 04:30 PM

JH

“ Deepest sympathy to all of Leona's Family



Jerry & Julie Hollermann - April 24 at 03:26 PM

BS

“ *Becky & Dan Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer*



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**Becky & Dan Schmidt** - April 24 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Belinda Pavek (Schmidt) lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer*



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**Belinda Pavek (Schmidt)** - April 24 at 03:13 AM

BU

“ *Bud lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer*



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**Bud** - April 23 at 11:48 PM

BU

*So sad and shocked to hear the news. Leona was so full of life. She was someone I always looked forward to seeing at the Burtrum Memorial Day celebration and the Burtrum Bean Bake. You will surely be missed, Leona!*

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**Bud** - April 23 at 11:52 PM

JC

“ *Leona was a special lady, always a smile and happy to see you and visit with.* ”



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**Janice Czech** - April 23 at 08:39 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Alice Bachmeier lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer* ”



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**Jim and Alice Bachmeier** - April 23 at 05:39 PM

RF

“ *Richard & Tamie Wimmer And Family lit a candle in memory of Leona Niemeyer* ”



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**Richard & Tamie Wimmer and family** - April 23 at 02:28 PM