



Norma J. Swanson

August 1, 1933 - October 19, 2014

Norma J. Swanson, 81 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at her residence. Funeral service will be held at 11 A.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Burial will take place in the Word of Life Church Cemetery in Upsala, MN. A visitation will be held from 10-11 A.M. on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Norma was born on August 1, 1933 in Elpaso Township, WI to the late Herman and Ruby Fischer. She grew up in Ellsworth, WI where she attended and graduated from Ellsworth High School. Norma was united in marriage to Merlyn Weigel on November 28, 1951 in Wisconsin. After the couple was married they relocated to Inver Grove Heights, MN where they resided for several years before permanently moving to Bowlus, MN. Norma and Merlyn owned and operated the Parkway Bar in Bowlus, MN for many years. They also owned and operated several other restaurants and bars in the area. After Merlyn passed away, Norma later married Edward Swanson on August 10, 2001. Norma was a very active volunteer at the Little Falls Senior Center, helping sell donuts, organize pancake breakfasts and also assisting in the office. She loved playing bingo, cards with her daughters and granddaughters, putting together jig saw puzzles and she loved going on the mystery bus trips. Norma was a very kind person who loved helping people and always did it with a smile.

Norma is survived by husband, Edward Swanson of Little Falls, MN; children, Merlyn "Skip" (Roxie) Weigel Jr of Alvin, TX, Lu (Mark) Frieler of Wadena, MN, Ron (Karen) Weigel of Lake City, MN, Mike (Connie) Weigel of East Bethel, MN, Kathy Paradeis of Fargo, ND, Tammy Weigel of Little Falls, MN, and Lisa (Alan) DeFrance of Minneapolis, MN; brother, Lawrence (Carol) Fischer of Prescott, WI; sisters, Florence (Ted) Wroblewski of River Falls, WI; 25 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; step-children, Bill (Rebecca) Swanson, Joan (Dan) Swanson and Arthur (Julie) Swanson; many step-grandchildren, and step great-grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by husband, Merlyn Weigel Sr.; parents, Herman and Ruby Fischer; brother, Clarence Fischer; sisters, Marian Bundy and Caroline Wiebusch; and granddaughter, Yvonne Weigel.

Cemetery Details

Word of Life Free Lutheran Cemetery

Upsala, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma J. Swanson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dawn lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Swanson*



Dawn - October 22, 2014 at 11:58 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear the passing of Aunt Norma. I am sorry that I can not be there, but want to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dawn

Dawn - October 22, 2014 at 11:57 PM



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Dawn - October 22, 2014 at 11:49 PM

ES

“ Edward Swanson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



Edward Swanson - October 22, 2014 at 03:48 PM

JA

“ Julie and Arthur purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



Julie and Arthur - October 22, 2014 at 03:37 PM

JS

“ 2 files added to the album norma



julie swanson - October 22, 2014 at 03:26 PM

DL

“ My fondest memories of Normie are her super bear hugs and giggles. She made me feel loved! Dianna

Dianna Lorimor - October 22, 2014 at 02:50 PM

PK

“ Pamela K. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



Pamela K. - October 22, 2014 at 11:20 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



October 22, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



October 22, 2014 at 10:42 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



October 22, 2014 at 07:01 AM

DA

“ Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of Norma. We'll always remember her fondly and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing her. Dianna shared about the hugs and giggles. I agreed because I felt the love when I got hugged by her. Norma is pictured here when she came to visit the cabin in 2007. She will be truly missed. Sincerely, Kuhn Family



Dale - October 21, 2014 at 11:58 PM

DJ

“ May the children and family of Norma be blessed with wonderful memories and have comfort in knowing she is with our Savior.

Heaven just received another angel ~ her name is Norma.

*With my deepest sympathy,
Denise Jelinski-Hall*

Denise Jelinski-Hall - October 21, 2014 at 05:07 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Swanson*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - October 21, 2014 at 03:35 PM



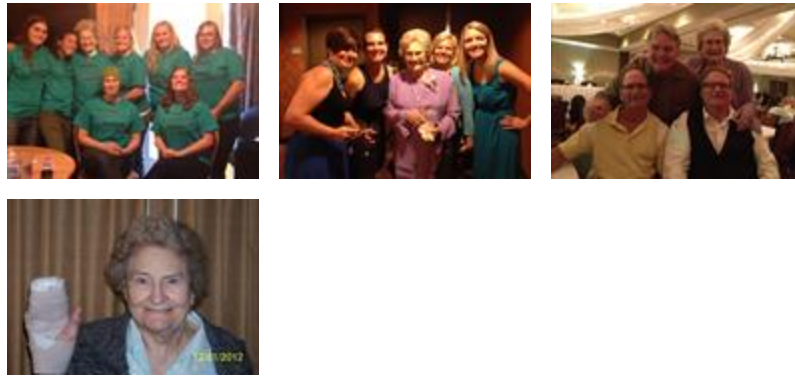
“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Norma J. Swanson.*



October 21, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name*



Connie Weigel - October 21, 2014 at 12:10 PM



“ *Wayne & Karen Hansmann lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Swanson*



Wayne & Karen Hansmann - October 21, 2014 at 10:54 AM



We got to know Norma from the Senior Center. She was a very special person to my husband and I. We helped her every Thursday with the donut sales and then we sat and put puzzles together. Enjoyed visiting with her.

Wayne - October 21, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JD

“ To Norma's Family: Norma was a good friend and co-worker at the Senior Center. We enjoyed her immensely and she will be sorely missed. God Bless you all at this sorrowful time.
Jean & Paul Dennis

Jean & Paul Dennis - October 21, 2014 at 09:47 AM

LM

“ We are very sorry to hear of you loss as well as our own. Mom and I will not be able to travel to Minnesota for the service. Mom is very hard to travel with. Give everyone our love.
Linda & Aunt Ethel

Linda morgan - October 20, 2014 at 01:55 PM

SG

“ Styrolution Procurement Group purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Norma J. Swanson.



Styrolution Procurement Group - October 20, 2014 at 09:39 AM

AN

“ Anna lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Swanson



anna - October 20, 2014 at 08:00 AM

KP

Thanks, Anna. We've been burning them in her honor, as well. She is at peace and went out with class.

Kathy Paradeis - October 20, 2014 at 04:59 PM

AN

“ *We are very sad to hear of Aunt Norma's passing. We cannot attend her service, but know that we are with all of you. The only comfort we can offer is that she is at piece.*

Our love to all!

Scott, Anna and our family.

anna - October 20, 2014 at 07:59 AM

TJ

“ *The Janeys lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Swanson*



The Janeys - October 19, 2014 at 10:12 PM