



Norma Rae Husmann

February 2, 1933 - May 23, 2020

Norma Rae Husmann, 87, of Chapman, Nebraska died Saturday May 23, 2020 at Merrick Medical Center in Central City. A private graveside service will be held at the Chapman Cemetery with Pastor Bonnie Linton-Hendrick officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to Chapman United Methodist Church or Merrick Medical Center Auxiliary in Central City. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Norma was born on February 21, 1933 to Frederick and Vera (Wilson) Henk in Mead Township, Merrick County, Nebraska. She grew up and attended school in Central City, graduating in 1951. After high school she moved to Los Angeles, California and worked as a telephone operator for a couple of years before returning home to Central City.

In January 1954, Norma met tall, red-headed Bob Husmann at a local dance. On their first date, Bob told Norma she was the woman he would marry, to which she replied "there are no strings on this girl!". Six months later Bob and Norma were married on July 18, 1954 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. Three sons followed in quick succession before Norma was rewarded with a daughter (Norma was sure the whole hospital heard her shout of joy).

Bob and Norma made their home on the Husmann family farm just north of Chapman, Nebraska. Though she never planned to be a farmer's wife, she quickly adapted and was a strong and loving partner to Bob for the next 64 years. After raising her children, Norma worked at Fonner Park as a cashier for 8 years. She then worked at K-Mart in Grand Island for 15 years before retiring to spend more time with family, a good book and volunteering for Chapman United Methodist Church, Merrick Medical Center Auxiliary Thrift Shop and Meals on Wheels.

Norma loved to socialize and was always ready to have some fun dancing at the Platt-Duetsche, playing cards, cheating at "spoons" with her grandkids, sharing coffee and conversation with the church ladies, but was happiest being surrounded by family eating homemade ice cream and chocolate cake. She had a warmth and quick wit, mixed with a little sass, that made her fun to be around and explains why Bob was so enchanted on their first date. She was a blessing to her family and we could not have asked for a better wife, mother and grandmother.

Norma is survived by three sons, Mitchell (Toni) Husmann of Central City, NE, Scott (Rhonda) Husmann of Phillips, NE, Dann (Laure) Husmann of Lincoln, NE; one daughter, Connee (Rodney) Bergmark of Chapman, NE; one sister Cheryl Spencer of Dayton, OH; three sisters-in-law, Beverly Nelsen of Lincoln, NE, Dorothy Lilienthal of Grand Island, NE, Doris Husman of Lindsay, TX; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Eugene Husmann in 2018; her parents; one grandson, Jacob Rudolf; two brothers, Robert Henk and Duane Henk; one sister, Lois Carter; sisters-in-law Dorothy Henk and Janice Henk; brother-in-law Dale Carter.

Cemetery Details

Chapman Cemetery

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. We are thinking of you during these difficult times. I know Norma Rae will be deeply missed by many family and friends. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. god bless you and your family.



Ken Meyer

Ken Meyer - May 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SL

“ Your mother was a wonderful woman. Our hearts are with you, and we are keeping you in our prayers.

Steve and Judy Lorenzen - May 26, 2020 at 11:34 AM

DH

“ Connie and Boys,

So sorry for your loss. She was a great sister-in-law. Wish I could have seen her once more. I will treasure our coffee mornings when the kids were little.

*Love and prayers,
Aunt Doris*

Doris Husman - May 25, 2020 at 12:46 PM

DH

Thanks Aunt Doris. We were able to say our goodbyes and heaven and Dad greeted Mom with open arms. Dann

Dann Husmann - May 25, 2020 at 06:29 PM

LW

“ Sending Big hugs & my Deepest Condolences.
Linda Willman

Linda Willman - May 25, 2020 at 12:50 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased
for the family of Norma Rae Husmann.



May 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Gibbs lit a candle in memory of
Norma Rae Husmann



Carolyn Gibbs - May 24, 2020 at 04:45 PM

SG

Shari Guzinski I worked with Norma at Kmart. We all loved Norma. Loved her laugh and great disposition. I remember she told me before I married to always be with your husband when he asks you to go. It was great advise.

Shari Guzinski - May 25, 2020 at 11:04 PM

BN

*My nieces and nephews. I am so sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of Norma. the visits the hugs and kisses. We always had fun when we go together no matter where we were, during our weekends with the brothers and sisters or just playing cards. I loved her smile, her laugh and her spunkiness. I will miss her very much. . Am glad that she is with Bob she missed him so after all the time they were together.
Love to all of you*

Aunt Beverly and crew.

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Beverly Nelsen - May 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM