



Louise Sara Nicoli

July 23, 1925 - January 25, 2014

Louise Sara (Friedman) Nicoli, 88, passed away, January 25, 2014, at the Sheyenne Care Center, Valley City, ND. Louise Sara Friedman was born on July 23rd, 1925, in Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of Abraham and Rose Friedman. She was educated in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from High School in Baltimore, MD. She worked for the Baltimore and Ohio (B & O) Railroad in Baltimore, MD. She met Harvey Nicoli in Baltimore at an USO Club. They were married on May 31st, 1947 in Washington, DC. They lived and farmed near Valley City, ND until retiring in 1982.

Louise was always thankful for the love and support from family and friends who helped her become the strong, caring person she was. Faith, family & friends were very important to her. Her three sons, Don, Louie and David were her pride and joy. She enjoyed all their activities, especially wrestling at VCHS.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City and served on the Church Council. Louise was active in the Republican Party and enjoyed serving with them. She also enjoyed her time in the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and reached the goal of Madame President for the Eagles of North and South Dakota. Her ability to tell a good joke always had friends and loved ones laughing. She loved her time with Weight Watchers and as a lecturer for others.

She loved to travel and enjoyed visiting her sons and families as they lived on opposite coasts of the US. She was very proud of and enjoyed spending time

with her Grandchildren and loved watching and cheering them on in their activities during school and their accomplishments in their adult years. Her home was always open to them and all her friends and family, with baked goodies of all kinds or a delicious meal before they left. She loved to read, work on crossword puzzles, crochet afghans, dolls and various decorations, play bingo, take occasional trips to the casino, watch her flower beds and planters grow and bloom and watch the birds in her feeders.

After retiring, they spent their winters enjoying Florida for 25 years. She enjoyed golfing, cards with friends and sightseeing in Florida. The last few years of her life were her most enjoyable even though she lost her hearing, sight and mobility. She loved her visits with her family and friends and was especially thankful to all her caregivers for their tender, loving care. Her positive outlook on life and genuine care and love for others will never be forgotten.

Louise is survived by Harvey Nicoli, Enderlin, ND, her sons Donald (Jody), Gresham, OR, Louis (Jan), Valley City, ND and David (Laurie), Greenville, DE. She is also survived by her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren Lisa, Brad, Kaylee and Logan Weninger, Carrington, ND, Andria Nicoli, Excelsior, MN, Sara and Jim Christensen, West Fargo, ND, Tessa Nicoli, West Fargo, ND, Jessica Nicoli, Gresham OR, Brett Nicoli, Yakima, WA and Alec and Michael Nicoli, Greenville, DE. Louise leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one nephew.

A celebration of Louise's life will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Visitation will be held at the church an hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley City, ND.

Funeral arrangements for Louise have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Please visit the online guestbook for Louise at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 - 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

DB

“ It is very difficult to lose a mother Cherish her memory, celebrate her life as you join together this weekend in her honor. My sympathy to all of you in the loss of your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother! Diane Bjerke

Diane Bjerke - April 10, 2014 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Ms. Louise...I loved our late night visits at the legacy place I will miss her dearly. She was a very awesome gift from heaven that he needed back.. Sheri McMahan

sheri mcmahan - April 07, 2014 at 08:19 PM

BB

“ Nicoli Family: So sorry for your loss, but heavens gain. I only knew Louise in her last year. (Being just one of her caregivers.) We had so much in common, as I was born and raised in Md., married a man from N.D., and became a snowbird wintering in Fl. She and I had so much to talk about. I enjoyed every moment I spent with her. She was a very upbeat individual. It was obvious that she loved her family dearly. I am now in the state of Fl and only heard about her passing just a few days ago.

Bettie Bontrager.

Bettie Bontrager - February 20, 2014 at 07:30 PM

KK

“ *Nicoli Family: Lots of memories of all the good times Joyce & I had with your Mom. She always called us the kids! I'm not sure why as we are just 3 years apart but she always looked younger especially with her beautiful hair. My sister Lorraine & Louise were great friends & they both lived life to the fullest. They were so sharing of everything with others.*

We always stopped to see Louise when ever we could, but the last few years our health

has prevented travel. When we stopped to see Louise she always gave us an uplift with her positive outlook on life. I'm sure my sister & Louise are having a great time in heaven as well they should.

They gave so much to all of us "KIDS" as Louise said.

KENNY & JOYCE KOEHN

kenneth e. koehn - February 01, 2014 at 02:03 PM

JA

Thanks so much for the kind words and memories. We're going to miss her presence. So nice to hear from you!

Jan - February 03, 2014 at 09:38 AM

TD

“ *Nicoli Family...So sorry for your loss, she was a very special lady. She was a very good friend with my mother and i remember fun times going out to the farm or when she came to ours. (except for the time she brought chickens with her and she & mom proceeded to cut off their heads! I am amazed i still like to eat chicken!) She had a twinkle in her eye and a wonderful laugh....she will really be missed! Thoughts and prayers go out to you all.*

Tammy (Thomsen) Devitt

Tammy Devitt - January 31, 2014 at 04:12 PM

JA

Thank you Tammy. Same with me about the chickens I butchered with her! I'm sure she and Marie are glad to meet again!

Jan - February 03, 2014 at 09:40 AM

LW

“*Louie & Jan and the entire Nicoli family. We were sad to hear the news about Louise. She was a caring and fun loving Lady. She always had that sparkle in her eyes and a wonderful smile. Every time I saw her she gave me a big hug. Thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

Linda and Chuck Wolski

Linda Wolski - January 31, 2014 at 11:32 AM

JA

Thank you Chuck & Linda. She had a lot of good qualities and we will miss her

Jan - February 03, 2014 at 09:43 AM

DJ

“*Harvey, David, Louie, Don and family. Louise was very close to my heart. Growing up with David allowed me to be like another son to her. I will always remember her kindness to me growing up. I know I was not a wrestler but the basketball gig was the best I could do. Some of my life lessons were taught by Louise and I could never say thank you enough for those experiences. I know her presence will be missed. But her legacy lives through her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and people like myself who got to know her. I send my love to all of you and wish you the very best. God bless Louise and the Nicoli family.*

Duane Johnson - January 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

JA

Thank you so much Duane. She was very fond of you too.

Jan - January 31, 2014 at 09:17 AM

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Nicoli Family, louise was a lovely, warm, funny, wonderful lady. Also enjoyed my visits with my Mom to see louise on the farm when i was growing up, very nice neighbors. lots of great memories. carrie maresh*

carrie maresh - January 29, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JA

Thank you Carrie for your sweet words. She thought the world of you and Bob too.

Jan - January 31, 2014 at 09:18 AM

RD

“ *The positive influence of Louise effected the lives of her many friends. Our family was the benefactor of her great attitude on many occasions. She met the challenge of moving to the prairie of ND and she raised a good family. Visiting the Nicoli farm on the high ridge near Cuba was always a fun experience. Cherish the good memories,*

Russ Danielson - January 29, 2014 at 05:30 AM

JA

Thank you Russ for your kind words. Our Mothers were very tough women to handle what they did on the farm. Mom' presence here on earth will be missed. She will forever be in our hearts.

Jan - January 29, 2014 at 10:54 AM

PP

“ David & Family, sending you LOTS of LOVE & LIGHT from Vail, CO
!!!! Pat Perkins
my cell # (970) 376-3134. (e) patriciasperkins@hotmail.com

Pat Perkins - January 28, 2014 at 09:42 PM

JA

Thank you.

Jan - January 29, 2014 at 10:55 AM

DD

“ To Don, Louie and David... As did others in Louise's life, my mother Rosella received so much wonderful support and loving friendship from your mom. Louise's positive outlook and personal confidence always encouraged and cheered mother D. When we pulled into your yard for eggs, I knew that we'd have a fun and long afternoon! Louise contributed richly to her community and friends, as you and your families should learn in this time of tender remembrance.
Regards, Dick Danielson Friendswood TX

Dick Danielson - January 28, 2014 at 08:27 AM

JA

Thank you Dick for your words and memories of Mom.

Jan - January 29, 2014 at 10:57 AM

LD

“ What a great neighbor for so many years. So many funny stories and times to be remembered. A full, rich and giving life.
Larry Danielson

Larry Danielson - January 27, 2014 at 11:59 PM

JA

Thank you Larry for your kind words.

Jan - January 29, 2014 at 10:57 AM

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Tessa Nicoli - January 27, 2014 at 08:20 PM

ML

LOUIE AND JAN, YOU TWO KNOW HOW I FELT ABOUT LOUISE. SHE WAS THE MOTHER I LOST. LIVING WITH LOUISE IN SUMMERS WAS ALWAYS A BLAST. SHE TRULY IS ONE OF THE BEST PEOPLE I HAVE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW. WAS FUN TO SEE HER AT WRESTLING MATCHES AND HANGING WITH THE BOYS. ME, GROVER, LOUIE, AND EVERYBODY THE BOYS HAD OVER OR WERE FRIENDS WITH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. SLEEP WELL LOUISE YOU DESERVE IT.

MIKE LOWE - January 29, 2014 at 12:46 PM

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DH

“ Louise, you will be missed by so many...I remember as a little girl walking from Grandma Grebs to your farm...I also remember you coming to see us in Illinois...you were such a warm , friendly , people person...Altho we didn't see each other anymore, I will still miss your presence ...But I know you are receiving your highest reward now and watching over all of us....Prayers and blessings to your family....

Deb Holden-Sandoval - January 27, 2014 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ Deb Holden-Sandoval lit a candle in memory of Louise Sara Nicoli



Deb Holden-Sandoval - January 27, 2014 at 08:01 PM

TN

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Tessa Nicoli - January 27, 2014 at 07:55 PM

RW

“ We are sorry for your loss. When Roger was President of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council, Louise was also a part of that group. He said the meetings were fun just because of her presence. They became good friends over the years. Roger and I will remember Louise as a sincere and grand lady. With Sympathy, Roger and Cindy Weisenburger

Roger and Cindy Weisenburger - January 27, 2014 at 06:22 PM

VR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Louise. I worked for her for a few years and she was so very special. She had a great sense of humor and a smile for everyone. She will be missed.
Vicky Royse



Vicky Royse - January 27, 2014 at 02:14 PM

JA

“ JoAnn & Clay Adams lit a candle in memory of Louise Sara Nicoli



JoAnn & Clay Adams - January 27, 2014 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ I want to send my thoughts and prayers to Harvey, Louie, and rest of the Nicoli family. I always enjoyed my time around Louise, when I was working for you guys. When I was painting the buildings on her farm, she would always make me lunch. We would always listen to Paul Harvey and talk about what was in the news. She was such a nice woman.

Deepest Sympathy

David Borg

David Borg - January 27, 2014 at 12:37 PM

CG

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of your loss. I remember hearing stories of the welcoming to the community - "barn raising" or whatever else they were called, know they were done in love but what courage it must have taken to learn about all the relatives, unfamiliar faces and new traditions. I always admired Louise for her stand up personality and dedication to family, friends and community. Remember pictures from when we came to visit your family - suspect most times it was on a Sunday because that is what we did on Sundays after church. Saw your Mom when I visited Walt and as always she was most gracious - - Know you are in my prayers and thoughts, we all know it will come but it does not lessen the feeling of loss. Carol Grant

Carol Grant - January 27, 2014 at 07:59 AM

AN

“ *Arlene Nelson lit a candle in memory of Louise Sara Nicoli*



Arlene Nelson - January 27, 2014 at 12:10 AM