



Norma Miedema

April 7, 1931 - November 12, 2012

Norma Rilla Berg was born April 7, 1931, in Bottineau, ND to Leonard and Julia (Hust) Berg. She was the oldest of 8 children. The family moved to Litchville in 1945 when her father purchased the Litchville Bulletin. Norma graduated from Litchville High School in 1949. She attended nurses training at St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Fargo, ND for two years.

Norma married Robert A. "Bob" Miedema on October 18, 1951. She was a homemaker until after their youngest child entered school. She then worked at the Litchville Bulletin for 9 years, eventually purchasing the newspaper and being the Editor and Publisher for 19 years.

Norma was active in the First Reformed Church, serving in offices of the Reformed Church Women's Ministries on the local, state and denominational levels. She served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher, Catechism and Vacation Bible School teacher, Deacon, and Treasurer.

Norma was also active in the business community. She served as secretary of the Litchville Commercial Club for over 20 years and served on various Fall Fair committees as well as the Barnes County Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, Reformed Church Cemetery Association and the Litchville Community Center Board of Directors. She was a member of the Litchville 2000 committee and co-authored the Litchville history book covering the first 100

years of the community from 1900-2000. She was often sought out by former residents or their families wanting to learn the history of ancestors. Norma enjoyed researching the Berg and Miedema family histories as well.

Norma enjoyed reading, camping, gardening, quilting and putting together photo albums and scrapbooks. One of her favorite places for camping was Loon Lake, Vergas, MN. Her quilting group was dear to her and she would go to great lengths to schedule other appointments or activities around quilting days.

Norma's strong faith was apparent to all. She found peace, joy and strength in special Bible verses and religious songs. Her faith led her through the tragic death of her son, Bryce, on August 11, 1974 when he was 18 years old. She has now been reunited with him in heaven.

Those left to share her memory include her husband of 61 years, Robert; her daughters, Diane (S. Bradley) Peterson of Burlington, CT and Pensacola, FL, Sheila (Hal) Peterson of Bismarck and LaRae (Steven Mangrum) Miedema of Pflugerville, TX; her grandchildren Sean Peterson, Burlington, CT, Darya (Matt) Peterson-Glass, Santa Fe, NM, Lisa (Sean) Lund, Bismarck, Rachel (Bill) Mount, West Fargo, Wayne (Beth) Smith, Litchville, Lauren Smith, West Fargo, and Stefanie Mangrum, Chico, CA; her great grandchildren, Dylan Lund, Andrew and Emma Mount and Addison and Jada Smith; her brothers Kenneth Berg, Lodi, CA and Ronald (Darlene) Berg, Mesa, AZ; her sisters Carol Opdahl, Mesa, AZ, Joan (Ronald) Trapp, Marion and Laura Berg, Kindred; her sisters-in-law Carol Berg, Detroit Lakes, MN, Maxine Muske, LaMoure, Darlene Miedema and Elaine Miedema, both of Valley City; and her aunt Helen Manns, Bismarck.

Preceding her in death were her son, Bryce, her parents; a grandson, Clinton Mangrum; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Andrew and Ruth (Rohrbeck)

Miedema; her brothers Glenn and Vernon Berg and her brothers-in-law Herman Muske, Ernest Miedema and Stanley Miedema.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

Litchville School Gymnasium
304 - 6th Ave.
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sheila, Hal and family,
I am sad. I didn't know Norma but I do know Sheila and Hal. How proud she must have been of you all. Love is a connection that can't be broken. Her love continues to and through you.

LaVonn Steiner##imported-begin##LaVonn Steiner##imported-end##

November 21, 2012 at 03:23 PM



“ Norma was special to so many people in so many different ways. For years, she wrote me, starting when I was in Beirut, and I always felt a unique bond with her. I hope the memories you share as a family and community will help to heal your sad hearts and give you peace as you celebrate the life of this remarkable woman Lovingly,
Henrietta##imported-begin##Henrietta (Van Bruggen)
Baramki##imported-end##

November 16, 2012 at 10:46 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss of a very kind wife and mother. I have fond memories of playing at your house when we were children. Norma was always kind to everyone. I pray that God will bring you comfort as you get together in the next days. Larry Faber##imported-begin##Larry Faber##imported-end##

November 16, 2012 at 03:37 PM



“ To Nora's family I offer my deepest sympathy. I want you all to know what a pleasure it was taking care of Norma at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. She was an amazing woman with a wonderful smile. Her and your family are in my prayers
~Liana Hansen 3rd Floor CRA###imported-begin##Liana Hansen###imported-end##

November 15, 2012 at 10:44 AM



“ I will remember Norma as a gentle, soft-spoken person who was always genuinely interested in things happening in others lives. She was extremely bright, articulate, and a passionate volunteer leader - always very proud of the fine people who make up the Litchville community. The memory of how completely she lived her life is a blessing to all of us.###imported-begin##Dave Miedema###imported-end##

November 15, 2012 at 10:27 AM



“ Bob, Diane, Sheila, LaRae and extended family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Norma. May you have peace at this time as you know she is residing now with her Lord and Saviour. I can always picture Norma at school or community events carrying her note pad and camera for the next weeks edition of the Litchville Bulletin. Treasure all the memories of her life. God Bless.###imported-begin##Bryan Hanson###imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 10:18 PM



“ We have lost a very special lady! Norma lived life well; her kind, gentle spirit was so evident. As you remember and celebrate her life, I hope good memories bring you joy, even at this sad time.
Judy Punt###imported-begin##Judy Punt###imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 09:41 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss of Norma. I have fond memories of her and your entire family. Gods blessings to you during this difficult time. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Vicky Justesen Hlubek###imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 12:38 PM



“ Bob, Diane, Sheila and LaRae. I have been away from Litchville for a long time, but it is still home. I remember Norma (and your whole family) with fond memories. The Litchville Bulletin was always a staple. I received it for many years and then couldn't wait to read it when we went to visit my parents.
Norma was a community leader and one that everyone appreciated. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathy Shape Sussex###imported-begin##Kathy Shape Sussex###imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 12:22 PM



“ I will miss norma greatly she was the highlight of my day when I would go to work at the care center. I took care of her when I worked the pm shift we would sit on the loveseat and visit at night and went for walks. She was a wonderful lady she made a lasting impression. When I started working am shifts I still made it a point to take time and visit with norma and said good morning to her. She was my favorite resident.##imported-begin##tricia mikkelsen##imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 10:21 AM



“ Deepest sympathies from your Texas family.

Love and Peace from all##imported-begin##Kelly Yates##imported-end##

November 14, 2012 at 08:04 AM



“ Rest in peace, Norma. What a lovely, lady you were...so patient, kind, caring...and your faith was beyond measure. My deepest condolences to this wonderful family. I love you all.##imported-begin##Cathryn Schmidt##imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 08:18 PM



“ Sympathy to the entire family of Norma. I have had a number of bosses in my lifetime of different jobs, but Norma was one of my first. I enjoyed working for her and Bob at the Litchville Bulletin as one of my first places of employment. I thought of her as a teacher, rather than a boss. She truly loved her family, community, history, sports, and the list goes on. I've considered myself lucky to have had her as a friend and mentor. Thanks Norma!!!! Sandy and Dan Nelson##imported-begin##Dan and Sandy Nelson##imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 07:50 PM



“ Bob and family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Norma. I will always have a special place in my heart for her. The Litchville Community has lost a great ambassador and a true friend to so many, including me. Bob please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I miss you very much.##imported-begin##Duane Johnson##imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 05:25 PM



“ Bob and family,
Sorry to hear about Norma passing away. She truly was a wonderful woman. She supported the Litchville Community tremendously. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Robet & Kay Willson##imported-end##

November 13, 2012 at 04:18 PM