



Norma J. Sanders

February 26, 1927 - March 9, 2018

Norma J. Sanders, 91, of Moorhead, MN, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 9, 2018, at Bethany on University, Fargo, ND.

Norma Janet Baird was born February 26, 1927, on a small farmstead near Blackduck, MN, the oldest child of Floyd and Caroline (Belden) Baird. In 1945, Norma graduated from Blackduck High School, she then attended Northern Business College in Bemidji, MN, graduating with a degree in Bookkeeping and Accounting. In Bemidji, Norma worked for a savings and loan company. She enjoyed baking delicious caramel rolls and doughnuts for family and elite hotels on Lake Bemidji.

Norma married Stuart David Sanders, Jr. in Bemidji on December 28, 1947. In the fall of 1967, with a family of four children, Norma and Stuart moved to Moorhead, MN. Along with new job opportunities, the family began worship services with Pastor John Schroeder and his wife, Pat. Together the families, 50 years ago, opened the doors of what is now Brookdale Baptist Church in south Moorhead. Stuart had worked for Old Dutch Foods and passed away in 1997. Norma's deep faith in the Lord kept her going as she busied herself with friends, family and church.

After their move to Moorhead, Norma initially worked as a bookkeeper and then was hired to work in the Clay County Recorder's Office, Moorhead, until she retired. Her passions were quilting, of which she made a multitude, knitting mittens for family, card making and, at the age of 90, still baked those delicious caramel rolls. She was a no frills, hardworking servant of God to her ability.

Survivors include her three children, Susann (Jay) Russell, Robbinsdale, MN, David (June) Sanders, Moorhead, Paul (Jessie) Sanders, Granada, MN; eight grandchildren, Amy (Neil) Legatt, Michael (Rebecca) and Scott (Natasha) Sanders, Timothy, Nathaniel, and MaryAnn Sanders, Sarah and Lisa Kelly; eleven great-grandchildren, and her siblings, Doris (Earl) Sutton, Daniel, Orlan, Orval, and Stanley Baird, Leona (Neil) Hand; her sisters-in-law, Joyce Baird and JoAnn (Thore) Thorson; and many nieces and nephews.

Norma is preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister; a brother, John Baird; and her youngest daughter last year, Janet Kelly.

A sincere appreciation and thank-you to the staff of Essentia Hospital, Fargo and to staff at Bethany on University who provided compassion and wonderful care to Norma these past three weeks.

Norma's funeral service will be Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 11 AM, in Brookdale Baptist Church, Moorhead. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Events

MAR 17 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

Brookdale Baptist Church
1401 40th Ave S, Moorhead, MN, US, 56560

MAR 17 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I will always treasure the last 5 months Norma opened her cozy apartment to Bible study. She was so excited and invited everyone she knew in the building and even posted flyers. We had such precious times in Colossians, then Philippians and she always shared her heart with such humility and joy. Her testimony was firm and her love for her Savior was solid. She wanted everyone to know Him the way she did. And could she pray! I felt as if I was intruding as I heard her speak with her Lord with great respect and humbleness. I will cherish her always and look forward to that great reunion!! Thank you, family, for sharing her! Rhonda Dikoff

Rhonda - March 17, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ Thank you for sharing, Rhonda. We appreciate your prayers, support and leading the Bible Study held in Norma's home - this way she was able to participate in the study with friends and church friends.

June - March 21, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Wescott Tommerdahl And Marie lit a candle in memory of Norma J. Sanders



Wescott Tommerdahl and Marie - March 15, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ Thank you, Marie and Wes - we appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. June and Dave

June Sanders - March 16, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norma J. Sanders.



March 15, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Calvary Baptist Church Families Granada purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Norma J. Sanders.



Calvary Baptist Church Families Granada - March 14, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ I'll always remember Norma for her smile and her love for the Lord. She was there for me, not only as a neighbor but as a disciple for Jesus. I know she is with Him now and her family as well.

Thoughts and prayers to her family! May God comfort you with memories and love!

Linda Davidson



linda davidson - March 12, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ Thank you, Linda! June (dau-in-law)

June Sanders - March 14, 2018 at 04:58 PM