



Sylvia J. Haabala

August 20, 1924 - February 23, 2015

Sylvia Jeanette Haabala was born in Holmes City Township, MN on August 20, 1924, the fourth child of Oscar and Olive (Christianson) Nygaard. She was baptized and confirmed from the Trysil Lutheran Church and attended country school district #27 through the eighth grade. Sylvia helped her parents on the farm and worked at Bethany Home before moving to Minneapolis for a few years. While living in Minneapolis Sylvia worked at Becky's Café in Downtown Minneapolis as a cook. Sylvia moved back to her parent's farm and soon met Ralph Haabala. They were united in marriage on June 24, 1950 at the parsonage in Rothsey, MN. Seven children were born to this marriage, Phillip, Wayne, Adrian "Woody", Ronald, Dale, Karen, and Susan.

Sylvia and Ralph provided well for their family and also taught them the meaning of hard work. Sylvia sewed clothes and dresses for her children, baked bread and cooked many meals for her family. She enjoyed a few crafts like ceramics and quilting. Sylvia's Norwegian heritage was very important to her; in 1983, she had the opportunity to travel to Norway with Ralph. Sylvia's favorite hobby was her gardening. She had worked at Anderson's Country Lane Nursery in rural Farwell for many years tending to flowers and shrubbery. She was able to grow beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. Sylvia was a member of the Alexandria Garden Club for many years. The Douglas County Fair was the highlight of Sylvia's summers. She would enter her flowers, baked goods and various handcrafted items resulting in many

awards. Sylvia's Christian faith was strong; she was a loyal member of the Oscar Lake Lutheran Church.

Sylvia was a hardworking, confident, and determined woman. She was also very proud of her family. She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Sylvia J. Haabala died on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Bethany Home in Alexandria at the age of 90 years old. She is survived by her sons Phillip (Pat) Haabala of Alexandria, Wayne (Cindy) Haabala of Farwell, and Adrian "Woody" (Jean) Haabala of South Haven; daughters Karen (Kevin) Johnson of Alexandria and Susan (Douglas) Krig of Clear Lake; daughter-in-law Linda Haabala of Port Angeles, WA; 13 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; sister Palma Berg of Amery, WI; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph, sons Ronald and Dale, sisters Cora Whittaker, Edith Anderson, and Adeline Berg and brother Julian Nygaard.

Sylvia J. Haabala age 90 of Alexandria died on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Bethany Home in Alexandria. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 11Am at Oscar Lake Lutheran Church near Farwell, MN with the Reverend Denise Croskey officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 4-7PM at the Anderson Funeral Home and also for one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Interment will be in Trysil Lutheran Cemetery. Casket Bearers were Jon Haabala, Chad Haabala, Mitch Haabala, Ryan Johnson, Brandon Krig, and Taylor Minners. Honorary Casket Bearers were Stacy Nathan, Kristen Haabala-Wiener, Beth Rosin, Kari Haabala, Holly Minners, Rachel Haabala, Hope Haabala, and Chase Haabala.

Cemetery Details

Trysil - Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery

Holmes City Township
Holmes City, MN 56341

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 763-5900
mail@andersonfuneral.net
<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Oscar Lake Lutheran Church
3 mile south of MN Hwy 27 on Douglas County Rd. 7

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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3 mile south of MN Hwy 27 on Douglas County Rd. 7

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *I remember your mom on different occasions at your home. Also going out to her farm and trimming pine trees (my favorite). She always had a smile, even while in Bethany.*
Beckie Conn

beckie conn - March 05, 2015 at 07:33 AM

KB

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Kevin Berg - February 25, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvia J. Haabala.*



February 25, 2015 at 12:36 PM

LL

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom's (Sylvia) passing. We can't be there my uncle Danny passed also and funeral is on Saturday also. Just know that she is with your dad and with Our Lord and Savior and all the relatives. Lynette (Nygaard) Lien*

Lynette Lien - February 24, 2015 at 04:46 PM

RL

“ So sorry for your Mom's passing Karen. My prayers to you and your family. May all the good memories be shared as you remember your Mom.

Hugs to you my friend.

Renee Lunneborg

Renee Lunneborg - February 24, 2015 at 11:02 AM

LB

“ I remember Sylvia working for us at Green Thumb Nursery and helping at Colorful Seasons. My parents (Duane and Clarice Persson of Nelson) also enjoyed working it her through the Alexandria Garden Club at the Douglas County Fair flower exhibits and other projects.

Sylvia so enjoyed her garden and flowers.

Rest in peace and Im sure shes tending to the flowers in heaven.

Lynelle (Persson) Brickweg

Lynelle Brickweg - February 24, 2015 at 08:15 AM