In Loving Memory Of
Nancy L. Hemstad

Born to Cecil & Nancy Sylvester
July 29, 1942 ~ Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
October 28, 2026 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Services
11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 4, 2026
American Lutheran Church
Stanley, North Dakota

Officiating
Katie Harwood

Reader
Roger Gjellstad

Pallbearers
Curt Trulson
Gary Weisenberger
Joe Sauber
Tom Anderberg
Brian Hollinger
Donny Craft

Honorary Pallbearers
All of Nancy's Beloved Family, Friends & Neighbors

Special Music
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ~ Processional
"Amazing Grace" ~ Congregational
"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" ~ Congregational
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives~ Recessional

Accompanist
Katie Harwood

Sound Tech
Kay Nordloef

Final Resting Place
Knife River Cemetery ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Arrangements By
Springan Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Stanley, North Dakota



LOVE is patient, love is kind...
it does not envy, it does not boast
it is not proud. It is not rude,
it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices in TRUTH.
It always protects, always trusts,
always HOPES, always preserves.
LOVE NEVER FAILS

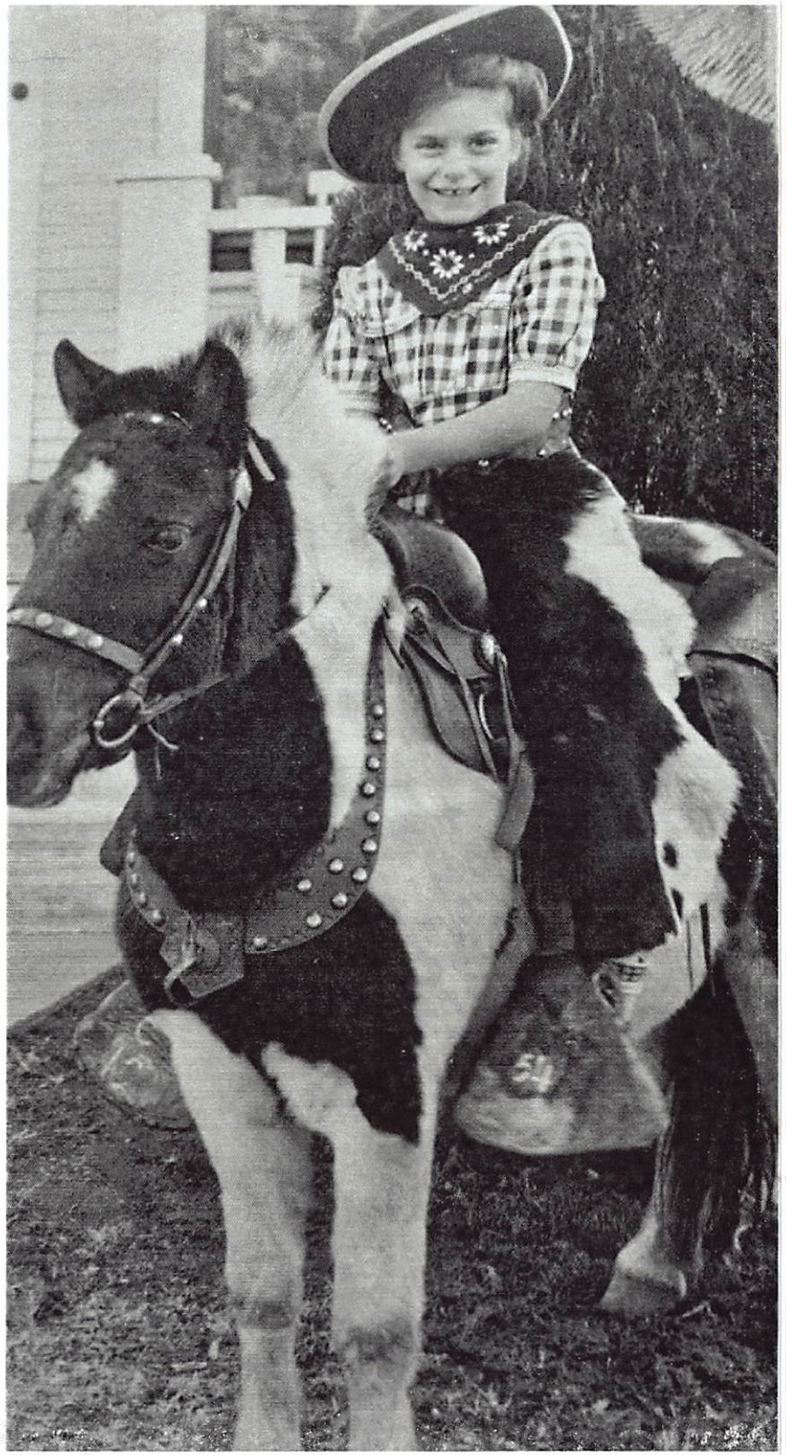
- 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

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July 29, 1942 - October 28, 2026



Nancy Lou Hemstad, 84, of Stanley, ND, passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at the Mountrail Bethel Home in Stanley, North Dakota.

Nancy was born on July 29, 1942, in Oklahoma, the only child of Cecil and Nancy Sylvester. During high school, she moved with her parents from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to Fargo, North Dakota, where she met the love of her life, Curt Hemstad, then attending North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC), now North Dakota State University (NDSU).

Nancy and Curt were married on October 31, 1959, and raised three children: Craig, Jennifer, and Leif. After living in St. Louis, at Minot Air Force Base while Curt served as a meteorologist, and in Carrington, North Dakota, they settled in Stanley in 1967. There, they farmed until 2005 and transformed bare prairie land into an oasis of trees and beautiful flower and vegetable gardens.



Strength
Hope
Love

Nancy overcame cancer twice in the 1980s and 1990s. While devoted to her family as a farm wife, mother, and homemaker, she also worked as a baker, telemarketer, and flower shop assistant.

She found joy in Red Hatters, and in making the farmstead bloom each summer with hundreds of flowers. In later years, quilting at American Lutheran Church in Stanley and Friday lunches at the Stanley Golden Age Club brought her many cherished friendships.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Nancy Sylvester, her husband, Curt.

She is survived by her son, Craig (Angela) Hemstad of Glenburn, ND; daughter, Jennifer (Kermit) Hollinger of Renton, WA; son, Leif (Anne) Hemstad of Austin, TX; eight grandchildren; her beloved cat, Charlie; fifteen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.





Peaceful MEMORIES