



*N*ellie Meyer, age 94, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer, Iowa. She was born on August 24, 1924 on a farm southeast of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, a farm that continued to be her home for 62 years. She was the youngest child of Olaf and

Marie Benson, both immigrants from Mosjen, Norway.

Nellie was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids. She graduated from Sioux Rapids High School in 1942. On November 30, 1942, she was united in marriage to Donald Meyer of Marathon, Iowa in a double wedding ceremony with another couple who remained lifelong friends. They were married for one month short of 60 years when Don passed away in 2002. They were blessed with four children: Nancy, Donna, Allan, and Dennis.

Nellie enjoyed being a homemaker and a mother and assisting Don with the farming operation. Never idle, she was generous with her cooking and baking, especially for work crews and for neighborhood and family gatherings. She was proud of her Norwegian heritage and continued the tradition of making lefse and krumkake for Christmas throughout her life. Her Norwegian Hardanger embroidery pieces created for her children and grandchildren are treasured

keepsakes. Nellie also made quilts, afghans, crocheted runners, and many other handmade items.

After farming for 43 years, Don and Nellie moved to a home in Sioux Rapids in 1985. They continued to own the farm which became a century farm in 2011, an important milestone for Nellie. In town, they enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage and 500, often starting the day with a round of cribbage after breakfast. Nellie took part in card groups that played both in members' homes and at the Tuesday Dinner Date in Sioux Rapids. She was an avid reader, devouring several books a week year after year.

Those who knew Nellie know that she had a good sense of humor, strong opinions, and a spirited zest for life. She will be missed.

She is survived by her children: Nancy (Gail) Todd of Holstein, Iowa; Donna Todd of Spencer, Iowa; Allan (Sonja) Meyer of Buckeye, Arizona; and Dennis (Bev) Meyer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; her grandchildren: Kerby Todd, Kiley Todd, Kris Todd, Gina Heiter, Saree Luce, Brenda Blackford, Scott Meyer, Andrew Meyer, Lynn Meyer, Becky Sanchez, Mikayla Rettig, Adam Meyer, Daniel Meyer, and by foster grandson, Mike Ellis. She is also survived by 21 great-grandchildren, 3 foster great-grandchildren, 2 foster great-grandchildren, 10 nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law, Violet Meyer.

Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; her son-in-law, Eugene "Pete" Todd; her brother, Omar and sister, Grace and their spouses; and her former daughter-in-law, Lois Meyer.



## In Loving Memory



*Nellie Meyer*

1924 – 2019



In Memory Of  
*Nellie Meyer*

**BORN**

August 24, 1924  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

**ENTERED INTO REST**

May 21, 2019  
Spencer, Iowa

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

First Lutheran Church  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa  
May 28, 2019 — 10:30 a.m.

**CLERGY**

Pastor Tonna Parsons  
Chaplain John Syvertson

**ORGANIST**

Beverly Morris

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

**SOLOIST**

Rita Schau  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
"Blessed Assurance"

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Kris Todd—Gina Heiter  
Saree Luce—Brenda Blackford  
Mikayla Rettig—Becky Sanchez

**PALLBEARERS**

Kerby Todd—Kiley Todd  
Scott Meyer—Andy Meyer  
Lynn Meyer—Adam Meyer  
Daniel Meyer

**INTERMENT**

Lone Tree Cemetery  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

**Arrangements by**

**SLIEFERT FUNERAL HOMES**

Albert City • Marathon • Sioux Rapids • Storm Lake

*John 14:1-4, 6*

"Do not let your  
heart be troubled.  
You have faith in God;  
have faith also in Me.  
In my Father's house  
there are many  
dwelling places.  
If this was not so would  
I have told you I am going  
to prepare a place for you?  
And if I go and prepare  
a place for you,  
I will come back again and  
take you to Myself,  
so that where I am,  
you also may be.  
Where I am going  
you know the way.  
Jesus said,  
"I am the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life,  
no one comes to  
the Father  
except through Me"

**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— *Nellie's Family*