



Gladys Ellen Norton

September 17, 1930 - June 13, 2017

Gladys Ellen Williams Norton was born September 17, 1930 on a farm south of Naponee, Nebraska to George and Minnie Williams. She was the youngest of three sisters. She attended school in Naponee and Franklin, Nebraska. On July 4, 1948, she married the love of her life, Willard Norton, who she had known since she was only 13. They were blessed with two children; a son, Dennis and a daughter, Trudy. They lived on a farm near Holdrege, Nebraska.

In 1958 the family moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Gladys worked for Poudre School District from 1961 to 1992. She always enjoyed her work as a cook and manager with the school district. Especially interacting with, serving and spoiling the kids through the lunch line.

After retiring from the school district, she and Willard enjoyed traveling all over the United States including Hawaii. After the traveling ended, she went to work at Steele's Market in the bakery for 6 years, and then in the bakery at Walmart for another 6 years. She loved being with and around people.

Gladys faced many challenges in her later years. She had lung and breast cancer. As always, she faced these challenges positively and with determination. She had a very outgoing personality and tried to be strong throughout.

She did enjoy her computer games. She made many new friends playing Facebook games of Farmville and Candy Crush.

Gladys' time with us ended on June 13, 2017. She is at peace now and has

joined the love of her life, Willard, whom she missed so very much.

She is survived by her son, Dennis, (Barbara) and her daughter, Trudy Niesent and grandchildren, Chad Norton (Erin), Danielle Niesent, Niki Kofsky (Eddie) and Kristopher Niesent; as well as four great grandchildren, Anthony Niesent, Thomas Graves, Marni and Asher Kofsky; her nephew, many nieces and their families.

Preceding Gladys in death were her husband of 58 years, Willard; her parents and two sisters.

She had great love for her family and her extended family existing of a host of friends, many for over 50 years. She will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Rd. Interment Grandview Cemetery. Reception will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 2124 Co Rd 54G, Fort Collins. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



Jen
Niesent

“ *Such a happy high spirited woman, Always accepted my family as her own, I am glad she is at peace and no longer suffering. Such a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as I know you are all were close. Thank you for being so unforgettable and being a part of my family as well. You will be missed!*

Jen Niesent - June 16, 2017 at 10:34 PM



Trudy
Niesent

Thank you

Trudy Niesent - June 16, 2017 at 11:51 PM



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“ *My first trip ever to Las Vegas was with Gladys and Willard!! It was Spring break and they were headed that ay and invited us to ggo with then. We had so much fun. we had mor fun walking around watching the people than playing!! It wasa trip I will never forget Gladys and I have been friends for almost 50 years. She was so pleasant to work with and everyone loved her and felt the same as me!! I will miss you so vwery much Gladys!! Love Shirey (Lewis) Stiley!!!*

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Shirley Stiley - June 15, 2017 at 08:27 PM



Trudy
Niesent

I know how much she loved you, Shirley

Trudy Niesent - June 16, 2017 at 11:52 PM

JS

“ I will always be thankful for my 50+ year friendship with Gladys. I will miss our many phone calls and visits, sharing so much of our lives. Some subjects we agreed on and some not so much, but that is what made our friendship so unique. My heartfelt sympathy go to Dennis and Trudy and their families and please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
I will miss you "ole" friend
Darlene Stout

Jerry Schott - June 15, 2017 at 06:29 PM



Love you Darlene

Trudy Niesent - June 16, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gladys Ellen Norton.



June 15, 2017 at 02:22 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family as you deal with the loss of your beloved Gladys. She certainly fought a long and hard battle with her illness and is finally at rest. May you find comfort in the memories she left for you to cherish.
Jerry and Donna Schott

Jerry Schott - June 15, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gladys Ellen Norton.*



June 15, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gladys Ellen Norton.*



June 14, 2017 at 11:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Ellen Norton.*



June 14, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ *You were an awesome lady Gladys . You made it too all thomas programs . I was always happy . Too share my early girl tomatoes . You will always have a speical place in my heart say hi too my dad . You will be so much happier . In gods hands no more suffering You will be missed . , Trudy and Danielle my thoughts and prayers are with you though this time . I understand god bless us too all have Streath in lives to be as happy as we can in this life .*

judy schwindt - June 14, 2017 at 07:57 PM



Thank you Judy

Trudy Niesent - June 17, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ I've always loved Gladys, I'm so happy that Savanna and I were able to spend time with her over the last several months. She was a wonderful lady and will truly be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cassie Little - June 14, 2017 at 07:17 PM



Thank you Cassie. She loved you and your family very much.

Trudy Niesent - June 17, 2017 at 12:16 PM