



## Audrey Elaine Nyland

September 18, 1942 - June 30, 2025

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Audrey Elaine Nyland, age 82, of Eden Prairie, passed away Monday, June 30th, 2025, at N.C. Little Memorial Hospice in Edina, MN. She was born September 18, 1942 in Lake Park, MN to Singval and Pearl Ronning.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Veona Murphy, Verna Liljenquist and Marilyn Terry; two brothers, Rudy Ronning and Jerry Ronning; brother-in-law Ed Terry; and beloved son Kirby Nyland.

Audrey is survived by daughter Kim (Dale) Smits; grandsons Don (Olivia) Erdall, Joe Smits and Jack Smits; great-granddaughters Audrey and Birdie Erdall.

Audrey is also survived by two brothers, Douglas Ronning and Robert (Bonnie) Ronning; sister-in-law Linda Ronning; brothers-in-law John Murphy and Harold Liljenquist; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 21st at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN. Visitation is one hour prior to service at 1:00 p.m.

The service will be live-streamed and available on the Transfiguration Lutheran Church website: [tlcmn.com](http://tlcmn.com) (click "Live Service" at the top left corner of the home page).

Memorial contributions may be made to Transfiguration Lutheran Church or N.C. Little Memorial Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Transfiguration Lutheran Church  
11000 France Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55431

## Memorial Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CR

“ Where do I even start. Favorite memory-she was ALWAYS there for me NO questions asked. I never knew who would show up to holidays, birthdays, graduations, wedding, etc but I ALWAYS knew Audrey would be there every single time!

*Barbie Dolls!! She grew and supported my love for Barbies. I will forever cherish all the handmade Barbie doll and Cabbage Patch doll clothes she made me over the years.*

*Rice Krispy Treats!! I don't know what she put in those, but no one else's ever tasted like hers because hers were the best. When I was pregnant with Halynn she had already moved back to MN. In a conversation with her asking how my pregnancy was going I told her it was great, but jokingly said, "I'd love to have some of your Rice Krispy treats". By the end of the week I received a package in the mail from Audrey, it was a box of handmade Rice Krispy treats.*

*Ornaments-Growing up Audrey always gave me a Christmas present. It was always my favorite to open because it was always wrapped with the prettiest bows and hanging on those bows was always a special Christmas ornament that represented me that year...Barbie, Mickey, dalmatians and fire trucks (if you know, you know), wedding, first house, first child. She carried that tradition on with my children. SO many ornaments that I hang on my Christmas tree from year to year are the ones she gave me or my kids over the years.*

*To say she will be missed is an understatement. Some people are part of your family and some become family. She will always be "my family from Minnesota."*

*Sending so much love from KY~Crystal*

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Crystal - July 21, 2025 at 10:42 PM

KO

“ My condolences and sympathies to Audrey’s family. Please know how much the Oppongs appreciated Audrey’s love, her care and support over the past 20 years. She treated my boys like they were her grandchildren, taking them to school, getting them to/from their sporting events like football and hockey. And even after they graduated high school, she still supported, watched and cheered Pierce on in college football. (except when NIU played Kentucky 😊) I just love and appreciate Audrey and know my boys do too. The Oppongs are going to miss her. As Christians, we trust in Jesus and know there is a future hope that one day we all will see Audrey again!

*Princeton was sad to hear about Audrey. He said, “I won’t ever forget the rides and walks she gave Pierce, Jack, Joe, and I to and from school. I even remember she gave just me a couple of rides to and from sports when you and dad were busy at work or with Pierce’s activities. She was always so thrilled to hear about how things were going in my life and would always express her support. Truly a blessing in disguise to have Audrey be a part of my life looking back.” Even Junior said, “She was always caring for us.” Pierce says, “Audrey was a beyond blessing to me throughout my younger years, she always offered to help whenever she was able. Truly a servant of the people and a blessing to those around her!”*

*May the Lord be your strength as you get through together as a family.*

*Love,  
The Oppongs (Philip, Kristine, Junior, Princeton and Pierce)*

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**Kristine Oppong** - July 21, 2025 at 07:40 PM

DR

“ Douglas R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Elaine Nyland.

Douglas R. - July 20, 2025 at 01:08 PM

MT

“ Matt Terry purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Audrey Elaine Nyland.



Matt Terry - July 15, 2025 at 11:07 PM

MT

“ Matt Terry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Elaine Nyland.

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RF

“ Ronda F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Elaine Nyland.

Ronda F. - July 15, 2025 at 08:40 PM

KP

“ KSM Former Staff, Doctors, and Patients purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Audrey Elaine Nyland.



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**KSM Former Staff, Doctors, and Patients** - July 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

KP

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**KSM Former Staff, Doctors, and Patients** - July 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

HU

“ Dear family and friends,  
I'm devastated to hear of Audrey's passing and send condolences. She was the most amazing grandma, and mother to the most amazing mom, of my life long friends, Jack and Joe. and I have fond memories when I was growing up and seeing her whenever I hung out with the twins. She was the biggest supporter at all of our swim meets and a pleasure to be around. It was always a joy when the family walks would come by our house and she was there. To me she was family. Forever in my heart I will remember her!  
- Humza

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**Humza** - July 10, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *Dear Family and Friends,  
It was our pleasure to care for Audrey at this important time.  
With Sympathies,  
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice*

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**Little Hospice** - July 10, 2025 at 01:09 PM