



## Norma Ann Nelson

January 8, 1933 - March 29, 2025

Norma Nelson (Tanner), 92, passed away at home in the early morning of March 29, 2025, leaving a legacy of love, creativity, music, and never-ceasing curiosity. She joins the love of her life, Ron, on their sailboat in heaven!

In 1954, she married Ron and graduated from the U of M in Teaching. From then on, she was forever a teacher - guiding young minds through her 40 years as a Minneapolis School teacher, showing her love of science and nature for years as a St. Paul Science Museum volunteer, sharing her love of music teaching piano lessons, playing her beautiful grand, and volunteering for the Minnesota Orchestra Kinder Konzerts, or simply encouraging those around her to never stop learning.

Norma's many artistic talents were expressed through her beautiful rosemaling paintings, needlework, and intricate Hardanger embroidery, winning several ribbons at the State Fair. She was a voracious reader, an expert Google-searcher, and an incredible cook - especially when she baked pies, cookies or her famous buttery crescent rolls.

Most of all, her family was everything to her. Norma was a devoted wife, mom, grandma, aunt, sister, cousin, dear friend and neighbor.

Preceded in death by husband Ron Nelson and sister Sharon Milewski.

Survived by daughters Kathy Hoffman (Mark) and Shari Durdin (Dan), grandchildren Jeremy Hoffman, Allie Eisenrich (Robbie) and great-granddaughter arriving soon, Scott Durdin (Audrey), Lauren Larson (Alex), brother Douglas Tanner (Nancy), sister Laura Sue Szabla, nieces, nephews,

and many close friends and neighbors who will deeply miss her.

A service to celebrate Norma will be Friday April 25, 2025, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Marquette Ave So, in downtown Minneapolis.

Visitation 9:30 -11:00 am, service at 11:00 am, followed by lunch at the church. Livestream at [westminsternpls.org](http://westminsternpls.org) Private interment.

Memorials in Norma's name can be made to Twin Cities PBS (TPT) [tpt.org](http://tpt.org), the American Heart Association [pages.heart.org](http://pages.heart.org), or donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss Norma. I was in a memoir writing group with her and saw her every New Years Eve at the Bergstroms. She loved life, music and being a good neighbor. Freya Hanson

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**Freya Hansin** - May 19, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ New Brighton DPS - VIPS / CERT Program purchased the Comfort & Care Gourmet Crate for the family of Norma Ann Nelson.



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**New Brighton DPS - VIPS / CERT Program** - April 15, 2025 at 11:04 AM