



Norma Kathleen Straight

October 15, 1932 - June 5, 2021

Norma Kathleen Straight, née Kusser, passed away on June 5, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Norma was born on October 15, 1932, to Lillian (Enger) Kusser and Phillip Henry Kusser on the family homestead in Hyde County, South Dakota, in the same log cabin room as her father. Late in her life, she loved to recall all the fun she had with her brothers and sisters and helping her mom feed all those who would gather at harvest time.

Norma attended Northern State Teachers College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse.

In 1952, she married Dwaine Straight, who would be her husband, best friend and love of her life for very nearly 69 years. She and Dwaine created a life together built on faith, love and devotion. They rarely left one another's side and provided a strong foundation for their three children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She excelled professionally as an office manager and would often say she loved "working with numbers." Norma also volunteered her time teaching the neighborhood children, teaching cooking and sewing through 4-H programs, serving as a church usher and providing Meals on Wheels.

Norma loved spending time with her family, serving her widely acclaimed Swedish Tea Ring and Marshmallow Fruit Salad, gardening, camping, fishing, golfing and traveling.

She is survived by her loving husband Dwaine Straight of Vadnais Heights;

her children Mike (Dottie) Straight of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Brad (Mary) Straight of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin; Kathy/Kate (Rob) Huebsch of White Bear Lake; her grandchildren Christy (Loran) Gutt, John Huebsch (Carrie Thornton), Chelsey (Barry) Weintraub, and Jacob Huebsch; and her great-granddaughters Ella and Lily Gutt; all of whom she loved beyond measure. She is also survived by her brother Phillip Kusser and sister Joan Hardwick. Norma was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Richard and William Kusser; and sisters Theresa Weber and Bernice Mason. She talked about them often and we know she is with them now.

"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts."

There will be a small service for immediate family members only. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials go to the Alzheimer's Foundation (<https://alzfdn.org/support-us/donate/>) or the Greater White Bear Lake Community Foundation, P.O. Box 10626, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Norma Kathleen Straight



December 14, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ Today my heart aches for all of you. Especially Dwaine. He and his wife had a true love affair! Every time I had the blessing of sitting with these two, the love they had for each other was overwhelming. Dwaine took such good care of Norma. He always had her best interests at heart. I think it is rare to see that kind of love these days and I was so blessed to witness it. I will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless and I will miss you, Norma.

Kirk Possehl - June 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Kate, Rob, Jake, John and extended family, We are so sorry for your loss! We know what a very special person Norma was to each one of you. May your fond memories of her be a blessing! Peace and love to you, Joni and Matt Karl



Joni and Matthew Karl - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Norma led an amazing life and was so blessed to have a wonderful family surrounding her when she passed.

Diane and Jeff - June 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ So many wonderful memories of the times our families spent together. Norm and Bern were always front and center making each celebration special. Thinking of all of you and so sorry for the loss of Aunt Norma. Much love from all the Mason family.

Lori Buckallew - June 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ What a Beautifully written obituary about Aunt Norma's life!

She was such an Amazing woman and made everyone feel Special with her Grace and Love! I will always treasure the memories of her, especially our childhood memories on the Eagle Bend farm when your family would spend holidays with us. Heaven gained another Angel this past week :) With Love and Prayers



Jani & Tom Dahl & family - June 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ In loving memory, our prayers and thoughts are with you.



Sharon - June 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mom and Andy



Dottie Straight - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our hearts hurt with aunt Norma's passing but we know that she is in a better place. Uncle Dwaine, Mike, Brad and Kathy - know that many, including our family, are praying for you and that you are in our thoughts during this difficult time. You were blessed to share the life with such a wonderful person as she was with each of you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

*Love,
Jim & Brenda Hardwick Family*

Jim & Brenda Hardwick - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mom and Andy



Dottie Straight - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Jerry and I are thinking of you and sending our prayers



Winky and Jerry Couchman - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ With our deepest sympathy. She will be missed by all.



Meryl and Bruce Weintraub - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM