



Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton

March 2, 1937 - May 5, 2025

Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton, age 88, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2025, in Chanhassen, Minnesota, surrounded by the love of her family.

Yvonne was a proud and devoted mother to Jeff (Lisa), Tracy (Andy), and Steve (Cathy), and a deeply loved grandmother to Kate (Brady), Sarah, Dan, Jack, Carly, Matt, Jane, Joe, and Julia. She was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, June and Connor. She was preceded in death by her beloved husbands, Rod Molenaar and Henry Norton, and her dear son Steve Molenaar.

Yvonne lived a full and determined life, marked by a wide range of careers and passions. She began as a lab technician at Fairview Southdale Hospital, co-owner of the Ha'Penny Gift Store with her life-long friend Maggie Steffen, and later served as office manager for AAA Securities and other businesses. Her tireless work ethic and strong-willed nature earned her a reputation as a "task master" - a title she wore with pride.

Fiercely independent, Yvonne once declared, "You can take my house but never my car!" Even after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2016, she tackled the challenge with characteristic resolve and unwavering effort to slow its progression.

Yvonne had a sharp wit and loved a good laugh - often shared over her cherished 5 p.m. pour of Pinot Noir. But above all, her life centered around family. She remained deeply connected to her siblings and extended family, always making an effort to gather loved ones together. Her warmth, positivity, and insistence on seeing her glass half full inspired all who knew her. Yvonne chose "happy" - and she lived it fully.

A private family memorial will be held at Dawn Valley Chapel in Bloomington.

She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives she touched.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton.*



May 13, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton.*



May 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Henry and Roseann Sechler and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton.*

Henry and Roseann Sechler and Family - May 12, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Henry and Roseann Sechler and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Yvonne Ann Molenaar Norton.*



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CA

“ So many fond memories of Yvonne and such heartbreak to receive this news. Aunt Yvonne played a special role in my youth and early years trying to figure out life. She was never afraid to laugh and always there to support and guide. The Holiday get togethers were legendary and she was always front and center leading the fun - usually with a smile while Steve and I were in the midst of another caper.

To Jeff (Lisa), Tracy (Andy), Cathy and the extended Sechler/Molenaar/Claeys family - your Sister, Mother, Mother-in-Law and Grandmother was one of a kind and I'm personally so thankful for our times together. We share in your grief and our thoughts are with all of you.

Chuck (Bev, Brianna & Brittany) Alexander

Chuck Alexander - May 09, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LA

I first met Yvonne via Rod when Luxem Assoc. became one of my suppliers in about 1970 'something'. What a long life she had; I just recall a woman who loved life and her family with a great sense of humor. After all of these years I still smile at all the memories of her and family!

Larry Ayres - May 11, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LS

I only met Yvonne one time but since I worked side by side with Tracy for many years, I learned that she was an incredible person. I also know that she raised Tracy to be the beautiful person that she is. My sincere, heartfelt condolences to all of the family. May each new day bring fond, loving memories of your mom and grandmother.

liv smith - May 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM