



## Norma Jean Bilyeu

February 27, 1929 - January 16, 2020

Norma Jean (Hillesland) Bilyeu, 90, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at Westview Care Center in Britt, IA.

A memorial service will be held 10:30am, Friday July 17, 2020 at Forest City United Methodist Church, 305 S Clark St, Forest City, IA 50436, with pastor Les Green officiating. Burial will take place at Elmwood Saint Joseph Cemetery, Mason City, IA.

Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake.

Norma was born on February 27, 1929, the daughter of Edward and Joy (Olson) Hillesland of Forest City. She grew up in the Forest City area and graduated from Garner High School. Norma attended Kendall College in Evanston, IL, as well as Waldorf College in Forest City, IA.

Norma married Roy Bilyeu on February 4, 1950, and lived on the family farm near Woden, IA. To this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters. In later years they moved to Mason City, where she helped Roy with his business and was very active in her children's lives. Norma was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a member of Lincoln Elementary PTA and a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church. Norma was always active in her local churches. She taught her children to pray, read scriptures regularly, and value family.

Norma enjoyed drop-in guests at her kitchen table, serving coffee and treats almost every day.

Those left to cherish memories of Norma, are her four children, Wanda (Bill) Jimenez, Larry (Crystal) Bilyeu, Gary (Lonnie) Bilyeu, and Beth Bilyeu; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; siblings, Dennis (Norma) Hillesland, Lola (Dave) Bruns, Alice (Dave) Christiansen, and Jon (Marcia) Hillesland; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

numerous friends and acquaintances.

Norma is preceded in death by her husband, Roy; her parents; and grandson, John Eric Jimenez.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery JUL**

1224 South Washington

Mason City, IA,

**16**

**Visitation**

04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Ward Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

310 1st Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA, US, 50428

**JUL**

**17**

**Memorial Service**

10:30AM

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United Methodist Church - Forest City

305 S Clark St, Forest City, IA, US, 50436

# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Bilyeu.



July 15, 2020 at 10:50 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Bilyeu.



July 04, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ I remember meeting you over 58 years ago as you were my Cub Scout Den Mother. I remember playing with your two sons as we grew up. Thank you for being there. May you rest in peace.

**Neil Reinsmoen** - January 20, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ Beth and Family, my condolences on the passing of your mother.  
Bob Johnson

**Bob Johnson** - January 19, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ Beth and family, your mother was a special lady. I remember the times she was at our home in Clear Lake. Lenita and her were the best of friends and had a great time together. She will be missed.

**Deb (Houdek) Tritch** - January 19, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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“ Norma, along with her husband Roy, were not only my Godparents, but also my brother, David and sister, Brenda's as well.....so there are so many special memories. For myself, they were such an important part of my of my faith formation and still have the children's Bible that they gave me so many years ago. The many stories she told of babysitting me when I was just a baby, our family through the years stopping at their house to visit ( which sometimes included Kentucky Fried Chicken from down the street), attending not just my confirmation, but also my High School Graduation and wedding. Norma always had a hug and kiss ready with warmth and love! You will be truly be missed and will remain in my heart!



**Connie Seating Todey** - January 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM



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**Connie Seaton Todey** - January 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ There are so many good memories of Norma! She welcomed me into the family and helped me feel like I belonged while teaching me to use her microwave, which I had never seen before. She made me laugh with her Exploding Eggs and brought me into her big, warm circle of friends who dropped in for coffee at her kitchen table almost every morning. And she and Roy were so generous, like when they drove their camper truck all the way to San Diego with me, our 2 little girls, and my Mom, so we could meet Larry who was in school at Balboa Naval Hospital. I think we laughed all the way there!  
God bless her dear family, near and far.

**Crystal Bilyeu** - January 17, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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“ I remember when Mom and Dad came to visit me in the Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana. They arrived in a motorhome and all the sergeants wanted a tour which they happily granted. Then I got the rest of the day off! Which wasn't easy to get. But quite enjoyable with family.

**Larry Bilyeu** - January 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM