

Phyllis Ione Topp, 95, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Phyllis (Anderson) Topp was born in Nelson County, ND on March 24,1930, to Carl and Mabel (Foreng) Anderson of Hamar, ND.

Phyllis was confirmed at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, rural Hamar, ND in 1944 and graduated from high school at Tolna ND in 1948. She then went to Minot Teachers College where she received her teaching certificate. Phyllis taught school for two years in rural Cherry Lake school. While teaching school she met her husband, Wayne. They were united in marriage July 23, 1950. They had 73 years together.

They started their married life at a farm near Grace City ND. In 1978, they moved to New Rockford ND.

Phyllis loved being outside in her yard tending to the flower beds. Her passion was mowing the yard. Because no one could mow straight lines to her satisfaction, at 90 years old she still push mowed her yard.

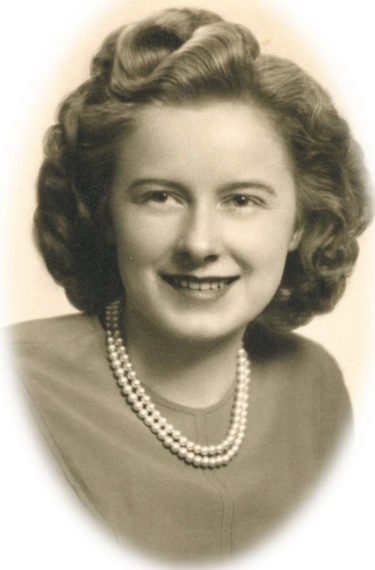
She was an avid Midkota Fan and spent many nights on the bleachers watching BB games or concerts. She made countless pans of Special K Bars over the years. She did not visit family without bringing her “special treat” or have them in the freezer for us to find.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Lynn (Mary) Topp, Detroit Lakes, MN, Lisa Ashby, Nashville TN, and Jill (Michael) Thompson, Red Willow Lake, Binford ND. 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, Sister-in-law Joyce Anderson, and many nieces and nephews.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband Wayne; her parents, Carl and Mabel Anderson; a brother Marvin Anderson; In-laws Fred and Jennie Topp, Son-in-law Thaddeus Ashby, Brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Vera Topp and Sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Clayton Rost.



*In
Loving
Memory*



*Phyllis
Ione
Topp*

MARCH 24, 1930 - APRIL 12, 2025

SPECIAL K BARS

1 cup white or dark syrup
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup flaked coconut (optional)

Heat syrup and sugar until bubbly. Mix syrup mixture with peanut butter. Add Special K and coconut. Put in greased 9x12 inch pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips or butterscotch chips. Put under broiler long enough for chips to melt so they may be spread.

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Mrs. Andrew Avdem

1 cup sugar
6 cups Special K cereal
Chocolate chips or butterscotch chips or both

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go -
You have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you all have shown,
but now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say
"Welcome Home."
-Author unknown

Since Mother Went Away

Since Mother went away, it seems
She's nearer than before
I cannot touch her hand and yet
She's with me more and more
And months have never lessened
The longing in my heart
That came the day I realized
That we must dwell apart
And just as long as memory lives
My mother cannot die
For in my heart she's living still, and will
As passing years go by.
by Helen Steiner Rice

Celebrating The Life Of ***Phyllis Ione Topp***

March 24, 1930 – Hamar, ND
April 12, 2025 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
1:00PM - 5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, April 17, 2025
10:30AM
Grace Lutheran Church, Grace City, ND

OFFICIATING

Marla Larson & Gilbert Black

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Cunningham ~ Pianist
The Old Rugged Cross
In The Garden solo by Darwin Solberg
The Lords Prayer solo by Jackie Walsh
Amazing Grace

PALLBEARERS

Randy Walsh ~ Jeff Anderson ~ Shannon Anderson
Francis Harding ~ Jason Vollmer ~ Veronica Vollmer

HONORARY BEARERS

Mark & Joan Anderson ~ Joan & Dewey Heckaman
Gilbert & Joann Black

BURIAL

Grace City Cemetery, Grace City, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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