



## Loraine J. Backer

April 10, 1927 - September 22, 2024

RANDOLPH --Funeral service for Loraine J. Backer, 97, of Randolph will be at 10:30AM, Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph, NE. Father Kevin Vogel and Deacon Doug Tunink will be officiating the service. Interment will follow at the St. Frances Catholic Cemetery in Randolph. Visitation will be on Friday, September 27th, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph, NE with a vigil service beginning at 7:00 pm. She passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Colonial Manor in Randolph. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Randolph is in charge of the arrangements.

Loraine was born south of Randolph on April 10, 1927, to George and Anna (Hoffman) Thelen. She attended District 55 country school through the 8th grade. Loraine was married to James H. Backer on September 1, 1947, at the St. Frances Catholic Church. Besides a brief time, Jim and Loraine lived and farmed around Randolph their whole lives. Mrs. Backer was a lifelong member of the St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church. Loraine enjoyed gardening, baking, bowling league, canning, especially pickles, dancing, and spending time with her family. For a majority of her life, Loraine resided on her farm southwest of Randolph.

Survivors include: two daughters, Carmen Shaffer of Randolph and Cheryl Gansebom of Osmond; four grandchildren, Stephen Shaffer III, James (Lynn)

Munter, Jennifer Shaffer, and Beau (Anna) Gansebom; six great-grandchildren, John, Natalie, and Emma Munter and Isaiah, Ruby, and Jacob Gansebom; two siblings, Norbert Thelen and Mary Ann Tunink, both of Randolph, and one brother-in law, Steve (Marsha) Backer of Albany, Oregon, sister-in-law Norma Thelen of Randolph, plus numerous nephews, nieces, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, James H. Backer; her parents, George and Anna Thelen; siblings Helen, Urban, Irene, Melvin, Kathleen, George, and Paul; son-in-law Doug Gansebom, and special family friend Diane Erickson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stoncaekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stoncaekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Cemetery - Rural Randolph

Rural Randolph  
Randolph, NE 68771

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church - Randolph  
402 North Bridge Street  
Randolph, NE 68771

## Vigil Service

SEP 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church - Randolph  
402 North Bridge Street  
Randolph, NE 68771

## Service

SEP 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church - Randolph  
402 North Bridge Street  
Randolph, NE 68771



# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe & Ann Thelen; Norma Thelen purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Loraine J. Backer.



Joe & Ann Thelen; Norma Thelen - September 25, 2024 at 08:43 PM

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“ Brent Goetsch and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loraine J. Backer.

Brent Goetsch and family - September 25, 2024 at 03:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Loraine J. Backer.



September 25, 2024 at 03:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Loraine J. Backer.



September 24, 2024 at 11:03 AM