



Norma J. Thelen

September 4, 1932 - November 27, 2025

RANDOLPH – Funeral services for Norma Jean Thelen, 93, of Randolph, NE, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec, 2, 2025, at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph. Visitation will be held on Monday, Dec. 1, from 4-7:00 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. also at the church. Officiating the services will be Father Vogel along with Deacon Doug Tunink. Interment will follow the funeral at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Cemetery in Randolph. Norma passed away on Thursday, Nov, 27, at the Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge, NE, after receiving lengthy hospice care. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Norma was born on Sept. 4, 1932, to Adolph and Martha (Wohlman) Brodersen in Coleridge. She attended country school before attending and graduating from Randolph High School in 1949. After high school, she attended Business Secretarial School.

Norma was united in marriage to George Thelen, Jr., at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Leeds, IA, on Dec. 27, 1950. They spent nearly all of their 68 years of marriage living in the Randolph area.

In 1955, George and Norma purchased a farm north of Randolph on the Correction Line. They farmed until 2003, when George and Norma semi-retired. She spent her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and mother. She was a

member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church. One of Norma's biggest enjoyments was spending time with her family. She was an avid quilter, loved doing crossword puzzles, and enjoyed baking pies and desserts for those she loved.

Norma is survived by eight children, Michael Thelen of Lincoln, NE; Chuck and Pat Thelen, Greg and Dot Thelen, John and Kelly Thelen, and Andy and Tina Thelen all of Randolph; Maureen and David Lewis of Eyota, MN; Joe and Ann Thelen of Johnston, IA; Dan and Sharie Thelen of Norfolk, NE; and daughter-in-law Jane Thelen of Fordyce, NE. She is also survived by her sister Joann McBain of Billings, MT; brother-in-law Norb Thelen; and sister-in-law Maryann Tunink of Randolph. In addition, Norma is survived by 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband George; sons Patrick, David and Doug; her parents Adolph and Martha Brodersen; parents-in-law George, Sr. and Anna Thelen; siblings Donald, Delores, and Darrell; as well as many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and other loved ones.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Cemetery - Rural Randolph

Rural Randolph
Randolph, NE 68771

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil Service

DEC 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Your friends at Bauer Built Tire purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norma J. Thelen.



Your friends at Bauer Built Tire - December 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ The Waypoint Grand Island Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma J. Thelen.

The Waypoint Grand Island Team - December 01, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Norma J. Thelen.



December 01, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma J. Thelen.



December 01, 2025 at 08:33 AM

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“ My condolences to Norma Jean’s family. I remember having Christmases together on the farm. May your memories bring you a smile.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Brotherson
(W & I Rohde clan)

char - November 30, 2025 at 06:39 PM

ST

“ I was blessed with the best neighbors. I have many memories of George and Norma they were always there when you needed them. Our sympathy to their family. Rest in peace.

sandy thies - November 28, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JM

I don't know how you write down a lifetime with the best sister you ever knew she was always there for me and I know she will always be there for me. I love her family so much and she knew it so I'll keep trying to do my best thanks sis for everything Jo

Joann McBain - November 28, 2025 at 09:45 PM



Sending sympathy to Norma Jean Family. I remember when she would make a raison cream pie for dad. I enjoyed talking to her when I came to steal some rhubarb. P.S. I have her pie recipe.

Diane Osberg - December 01, 2025 at 11:36 AM