



## Norma Beebe

March 25, 1934 - January 29, 2021

Norma Beebe, 86, of Conrad, passed away Friday, January 29, 2021 at Oakview in Conrad. No services are planned at this time. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Norma and her family.

Norma Jean (Gulbro) Beebe was born on March 25, 1934 in Houston, Minnesota to James and Blonda (Leidahl) Gulbro. Norma received her education at Decorah High School, graduating in 1952 and furthered her education at the Iowa State Teachers College, graduating in 1954 and UNI in 1970. Norma started her career as a kindergarten teacher in Primghar, Iowa in 1954-55 and ended her career at BCL (Conrad) teaching from 1970-1995.

On August 23, 1955 Norma was united in marriage to Keith Brown at Big Canoe Church in Decorah, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Nancy, Duane, Larry, and Jerry. Keith passed away in 1984.

On January 1, 1986 Norma was united in marriage to Donald Beebe at the home of her daughter Nancy, in Clovis, New Mexico. Don passed away in 2005.

Norma was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. She loved to cook for her family and was well known for her biscuits and

gravy. She enjoyed sharing her Norwegian heritage, not only by teaching the language, but through her cooking of lefse, rommegrot and lutefisk (for those who would partake). She was a skilled seamstress and made clothes for herself and her children for many years. Norma was an avid card player throughout her life. She enjoyed playing in card clubs with fellow retired teachers in Iowa, her winter friends in Texas and while residing at Oakview Nursing Home. She reconnected with several staff whom she had taught kindergarten to while teaching in Conrad.

Norma Beebe is survived by her daughter, Nancy Smith of San Antonio, Texas; sons, Duane Brown of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Larry (Margaret) Brown of The Colony, Texas and Jerry (Sue) Brown of Iowa Falls, Iowa; step-daughter, Linda (Bruce) Gauley of Roland, Iowa; step-sons, James Beebe of Des Moines, Iowa, Douglas (Jodi) Beebe of Granger, Iowa; brothers, Robert (Dona) Gulbro of Athens, Alabama and Curtis (Jackie) Gulbro of West Chicago, Illinois; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Blonda Gulbro; her husbands, Keith Brown and Donald Beebe and step-grand-daughter, Sherry Hornbacher.

A celebration of Norma's life will be held, at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Until Covid broke out, My Dad and I attended Oakview Sunday Services during fall and winter months. Following each church service we always talked to your mom while enjoying coffee and cookies or cheese and crackers with lemonade. Norma always included us in her conversations with fellow residents. She updated us on the news and upcoming events to be held there. One Sunday Norma told us about her interview with Chuck Friend which was published in the Sunday Times Republican. In that article she told how she got her very first teaching job and included some wisdom gleaned during her career. It was a great honor for her. That day we cut out the article along with her picture, drew and colored a BIG STAR, and taped them to the wall outside the community room for all to see. Her dedication to children for so many years was very inspiring.

*This link will take you to that interview.*

*<https://www.timesrepublican.com/news/todays-news/2019/11/longtime-kindergarten-teacher-shares-memories-advice/>*

*We have greatly missed seeing and visiting with your mom. We are so very sorry for your great loss. May GOD comfort you all.*

*Vic Schwarck and (daughter) Jan Williams*

*My late wife, Mona Moore Schwarck, taught with Norma for many years. They regularly got together with other retired teachers to play Dominoes.*

*It was always a wonderful time.*

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**Jan Williams** - April 11, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Norma was one special lady !! Helped so many little ones get a good start in their school years with her loving kindness. I have enjoyed our chats while she was at Oakview. She will be missed.  
Jan Fiscus

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**Jan Fiscus** - February 07, 2021 at 03:34 PM

AM

“ Our hearts reach out to you in sympathy in the loss of your dear mother. She will be greatly missed, as she loved you all so much. I knew her through school. I substitute taught in her classroom for a semester in about 1986 when she was receiving treatments at Rochester for her arthritis. She cared deeply for her students, as they did for her and we remained friends through the years. I have missed being able to visit her at Oakview these past months.

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**Ardelis Miller** - February 05, 2021 at 08:54 AM

KG

“ Aunt Norma was the best. She was so patient and loving, and generous with her time. I remember a lot of Kings Corners card games when we would come to visit her and great cooking as well. Blessings to you all and comfort for our loss.

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**Kurt Gulbro** - February 03, 2021 at 11:38 PM

MF

“ Sorry for your loss. Only knew Norma from Oakview as she was on the same wing as my mother and would pass by her room . If she was near by we would stop for a chat ....she was a very friendly lady with a beautiful soul. May she be enjoying her heavenly home.

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**Martha & Bill Fisher** - February 02, 2021 at 01:56 PM

M(

“ Sorry for your loss Nancy, Duane, Larry and Jerry. Your Mom was the sweetest, I have fond memories of our "old neighborhood" playing together. Prayers for all of you

Marge Diamond (Schmidt) - February 02, 2021 at 11:18 AM

SR

“ Sheila Riley lit a candle in memory of Norma Beebe



sheila riley - February 02, 2021 at 01:02 AM

SR

sorry to hear about your mothers passing jerry....prayers for you

sheila riley - February 02, 2021 at 01:16 AM

ME

So very sorry to hear of Norma's passing. She was a gentle, kind soul. I was able to have several conversations with Norma over the past few years when I was visiting Paul. She will be missed.

Mary Eckerman - February 02, 2021 at 02:55 PM

CW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I had Norma for a teacher when she taught in Liscomb. She was so sweet and so patient with us. she was like our mom. Later when she was in Conrad I helped her with her Tupperware needs and we had lots of great visits. When she was at the Nursing Home I also had a relative there and they would play games together, play cards and have meals together. I always stopped to just say hello and ask how is your day. Norma would always smile and say having a good day and thanks for stopping by. Norma was such a sweet lady.  
Connie Woosley of Conrad

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**Connie Woosley** - February 01, 2021 at 10:17 PM

Jone Betts

“ Jone Betts lit a candle in memory of Norma Beebe



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**Jone Betts** - February 01, 2021 at 06:01 PM

Jone Betts

*I was in Norma's first kindergarten class at BCL in Liscomb--Class of 1970. We remained close over the years and I was proud to tell her my Senior year in High School that she had been my favorite teacher all those years. We remained close all these years as friends. I loved Norma as if she were a member of my own family. She was a SPECIAL woman with a heart of gold !! I will miss her greatly. I LOVE YOU NORMA !*

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**Jone Betts** - February 01, 2021 at 06:07 PM

CA

“ *Cindy Axtell lit a candle in memory of Norma Beebe*



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**Cindy Axtell** - February 01, 2021 at 05:51 PM

CA

*Sorry to hear about your Mother's passing Duane. Our sympathy to you & your family.*

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**Cindy Axtell** - February 01, 2021 at 05:53 PM

LM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. My mom and Norma were best friends at Oakview and she was very heart broken to hear of her passing! My thoughts and prayers are with your family. She was such a sweet lady.*

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**Leeann Miller** - January 30, 2021 at 07:57 PM