



## Norma Louise Fager

November 21, 1928 - November 25, 2020

Norma Louise Fager, 92, of Murphysboro, passed away at 3:08 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at her residence in Murphysboro.

Norma was born on November 21, 1928, in Oraville, Illinois, to Nickolus Schafer and Edith (Blumenstock) Schafer.

She had participated in a lot of activities. In her younger days, she was a 4-H Leader and a former member of the St. Joseph Hospital Auxillary. Mrs. Fager was a life long member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, where she was a member of the St. Andrew Altar Society and Quilter for the church.

But the greatest accomplishment that she took the most pride and pleasure in was her flowers and cooking.

She had been an owner of a restaurant, chief cook, and was deemed "Southern Illinois Pie Queen" through her cooking and baking at the Sale Barn Grill in Murphysboro.

Norma married Robert Fager on September 6, 1947, in DuQuoin, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on January 16, 2000.

Survivors include one son David Fager of East Cape Girardeau, Illinois, and two daughters and their husbands Donna and Heath Crow of Murphysboro

and Carol and Randall Bastien of DuQuoin.

She was preceded in death by one son Chuck Fager.

She is survived by nine grandchildren Jessica Know, Jacqueline Walker, Jennah Smith, Aaron Kelley, Patrick Kelley, Cory Kelley, Haylee Crow, Nolan Bastien, and Collin Bastien;

thirteen great grandchildren;

and one sister Clara Mae Duble of Mulkeytown.

She was preceded in death by one brother Elmer Schafer, two sisters Ernestine Schafer and Helen Stein, and her parents.

Gravesite services will start between 11:45 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at St. Andrew Cemetery in Murphysboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrew Church, St. Jude's Hospital, or to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. and envelopes will be available at the cemetery. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Louise Fager*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We met Norma at my brother & sister - in - laws (Wayne & Linda Sarensen) home when we all had Sunday dinner together. Norma was such a joy we loved her dearly right away. A couple of weeks later we meet again at Wayne & Linda's and she had baked some scrumptious cookies ... I asked her for the recipe. She wrote it all out but there was no "name" at the top. I asked her what they were called and she said all she ever knew them as was "Grandma's Cookies". That recipe is so precious to me that I do not keep it with my other "special" recipes - - - it has its own little corner of my jewelry box. We were very blessed to get to know Norma and share some good times with her. She will be missed terribly! She is in heaven now and we all have our memories to get through this time of mourning. God's blessings upon all of you! Norma was a wonderful lady and will be missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

*Deb Sarensen & Karen Castle*

Deb Sarensen - November 29, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ *Norma was a wonderful person. All who 'new her were enriched by her life.*

Barry Wesley - November 27, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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“ Good bye to a wonderful neighbor. Too many times and events to share. Remember the rides to St Andrew's school. Remember the sunflowers and helping on the big wedding anniversary party. The barn dances. Buying eggs. Norma watching my boys as they sped by her house, or walked to her house or requesting one of her special pies just for them. Hugs to all of the family...David, Donna, and Carol Ann.

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**Nancy Harsy** - November 27, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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“ Donna and family, so sorry for your loss. You mother was a wonderful women. I remember the pies and hamburgers at the Sale Barn. My sympathy  
Suzie Porter Naegele

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**Suzie Naegele** - November 27, 2020 at 05:41 PM