



## Marvel Elaine Nielsen

July 20, 1933 - April 23, 2025

Marvel Elaine Nielsen, age 91, of rural Balsam Lake passed away on April 23, 2025 at her home, surrounded by her daughters, Marlaine, Julie, Lori and Joy.

She was born in Cando, North Dakota on July 20, 1933, the daughter of Oscar and Anna Dahl and sister of Lucille. Marvel grew up on a wheat farm in rural Cando and graduated from Cando High School. She enjoyed playing tenor saxophone in the band, singing in the high school choir, and attending 4-H Club. After high school, she went to nursing school and became a Registered Nurse.

Her first job was at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis, where she met Alfred who owned and ran a small grocery store nearby. Marvel married Alfred Nielsen on October 22, 1955 in Bisbee, North Dakota. Together they made their home in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin where they raised their four daughters and operated Hunky Dory, a summer resort. There, Marvel cooked meals, baked, organized activities and led worship on Sundays, where she was able to share her faith in Jesus, which she also passed down to her family. In the evenings, she ran the canteen, scooping many ice cream cones. She had the gift of hospitality and made many life-long friends. Marvel also worked as a nurse at St Croix Falls Hospital.

She was a long-time member of Georgetown Lutheran Church, where she was the Sunday School Superintendent, played organ, was involved in women's ministries and enjoyed making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She also enjoyed being a part of Georgettes Homemakers Club and singing in the Sweet Adelines Women's Chorus.

Marvel was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Anna Dahl, sister Lucille Richey, husband Alfred Nielsen Jr. and son-in-law, Larry Grimsley. Also, in-laws Alfred Nielsen Sr., Lily Nielsen, and later Rachel Nielsen.

She is survived by her children Marlaine (John) Aune, Julie Grimsley, Lori (Greg) Krohnfeldt and Joy (Henry) Soldner. Grandchildren Heather Aune, Steven (Bitsy) Aune, Jason Aune, Angela (Menno) Zweers, Andrew (Samantha) Grimsley, Amanda Grimsley, Jeremy (Abby) Krohnfeldt, Aaron Krohnfeldt, Katelyn Krohnfeldt, Luke Soldner and Simon Soldner. Great-grandchildren Hendrik Zweers, Elsi Zweers, Holland Zweers, Sydney Grimsley, Allegra Grimsley and Weston Grimsley. Also, many relatives and friends.

Visitation at Rowe Funeral Home, Luck, WI Monday, April 28th, 4-7 pm

Celebration of Life at Luck Lutheran Church, Luck, WI Tuesday April 29th

Visitation: 10 am and Service at 11 am.

You are invited to leave condolences, memories and photos at [www.rowefh.com](http://www.rowefh.com). Arrangements

are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home in Luck, 715-472-2444 and the Northwest Wisconsin Cremation Center in Milltown, [www.nwwicremationcenter.com](http://www.nwwicremationcenter.com).

## Cemetery

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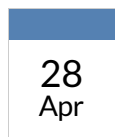


### CUSHING CEMETERY

2494 240th St,  
Cushing, WI 54006

## Events

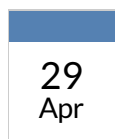
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### VISITATION

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Rowe Funeral Home -  
Luck 206 Second  
Avenue East, P.O. Box  
359, Luck, WI 54853  
Additional Visitation  
will on Tuesday April  
29 at the Church from  
10AM to 11AM



### FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM

Luck Lutheran Church  
510 East Foster  
Avenue, Luck, WI  
54853

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# Tribute Wall

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## Sarah, Phil, Kyra and Ian

Our thoughts are with you!



### "Peace Lily"

was purchased for the family of Marvel Elaine Nielsen

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*Show your support with flowers*



## World Mission Prayer League

Thanks for all the Hunky Dory memories - and ice cream! Love and prayers from your WMPL Family.



### "Designer's Choice Bouquet"

was purchased for the family of Marvel Elaine Nielsen

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## Evelyn Chadbourn

Marve and her family at Hunky Dory Resort were like our second family. We spent the same week plus many weekends at Hunky Dory resort for over thirty years. When my husband and I moved to AZ our kids took their kids to Hunky Dory for our same week. I was always amazed at Marve's stamina. Cooking, dipping ice cream cones, entertaining, etc. from early morning to late night every day. She did take time to do jigsaw puzzles and play a game "up and down the river" (lots of laughs) with our gang. We all loved her so much. See you in heaven, Marv, love, Evie

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## Debbie Schauer



### "Material\_candle\_palepink\_thumbnail"

was lit in memory of Marvel Elaine Nielsen

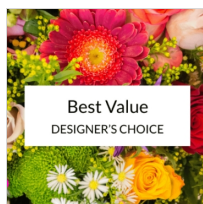
[Light a candle](#)

*Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance*



## Anonymous

Well miss you Marv! Love from: The Pedersen Family



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A tree was also planted in memory of Marvel Elaine Nielsen.

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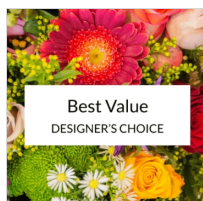
## Becky and Paul Hagen

Marvel lived a long life and loved her Lord, family and so many of us who came to Hunky Dory Resort! I have many happy memories of family camp of World Mission Prayer League which Al and Marvel so graciously shared their space for and participated in. We pray her faith and love keeps passing on from one generation to another!  
Becky and Paul Hagen



## Anonymous

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.



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## Amanda

Grandma Marvel you showed us all what a life well lived looked like, with a steadfast faith in Jesus, you will be greatly missed by us all!  
Love, Amanda

S

## Sara Smith McFarland

Marv was a second mother to me. She always made me feel special as she did to so many! Thank you Niensens for sharing your mother and grandmother with so many! Being a widow at 59 and her at 56, I believe, she stayed strong and carried her family and the resort forward. This was not easy. You are admired for your strength and faith Marv. We will miss you but we understand it was time to join your loved ones. Sara Shoemaker Smith



## Anonymous

Lori and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. -Your sisters in ChristAnna, Lisa, Julie, Beth, Jenny, Veryl, Schia



**"White Designer's Choice"**  
was purchased for the family of Marvel Elaine Nielsen

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 A tree was also planted in memory of Marvel Elaine Nielsen.



## Sally Steele and family


Six generations of my family loved Hunky Dory and the Niensens - Marvel was an amazing woman-sympathy to Marley, Julie, Lori & Joy and families..



**"Hope"**  
was purchased for the family of Marvel Elaine Nielsen

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## A Memorial Tree was planted for Marvel Elaine Nielsen

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Rowe Funeral Home - Luck