



## Winafred A Lovgren

January 27, 2021 - January 27, 2021

Ohio - Winafred A. "Winnie" Lovgren, 90, of Ohio, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton with her daughter at her side.

Winafred, the daughter of Allan and Minnie (Hoffman) Spooner was born March 11, 1930 in Princeton, Illinois. She married Donald Lovgren on November 24, 1955, in the Ohio United Methodist Church, Ohio, IL. She spent 43 years with him until his untimely passing in 1999.

She was a lifetime member of the Ohio United Methodist Church up until its closing. She was a current member of the First Lutheran Church of Ohio. She attended Ohio Community schools and graduated with the Class of 1948. She later went on to get her teaching degree, majoring in history, at Western Illinois University, and received her Master's Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University.

Winafred was a lifelong educator. She taught generations of families for 51 years. Her career began with teaching first grade in 1950 at Walnut Elementary School. In 1955 she taught at Lincoln School in Ottawa, and then spent her last 46 years teaching at Northbrook in Mendota. She retired from teaching in 2002. She had great pleasure in still being addressed by her former students as "Mrs. Lovgren". Not only did she enjoy her time as a

teacher, she was also on the Ohio High School Board of Education for 30 years.

She was a member of the National Education Association, LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association and was a recipient of the Junior Achievement Teacher of the Year Award. She was also a lifetime member of the Bureau County Historical Society.

In 1965 she had her own homecoming, and moved back to the house where her father was born in 1880, which sets on her 4th generation family farm near Ohio, IL. She farmed alongside her husband and enjoyed raising her daughter in the country. She worked beside them raising cattle, hogs, and chickens. She remained on the farm until recently.

She was a remarkable woman with great wit and humor. Not only did she look forward to spending time with her grandkids. She was also a sports enthusiast, cheering on the University of Illinois, the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Bears. She enjoyed reading, staying current with local news, gardening, and attending horse races. She was a fan of WGN Radio, Western Movies, The Wheel of Fortune, Family Feud, and Dr. Phil. Anyone that shared a meal with her would know that she always had room for dessert.

Winifred is survived by her daughter Molly (Paul) Lovgren Watson, of Princeton; her grandchildren, Melissa Bull, and Evan Bull, both of Nashville, TN; her dog, Toby; sister-in-law, Jane Lovgren, brother-in-law, Ted Etheridge, both of Amboy, IL; nieces and nephews Jeff (Mary) Lovgren, Mandy (Dean) Powers, Lori (Bob) Bumpus, and Jill (Hank) Groth all of Amboy, IL, and Joey (Tracy) Lovgren of Stillman Valley, IL.

Preceding her in death are her parents Allan and Minnie Spooner; husband Donald Lovgren; Brother-in-law, Carl Robert (Bob) Lovgren, Sister-in-law, Marjorie Goubeaux, Brother-in-law, Emmanuel (Butch) Goubeaux; Sister-in-

Law, Carolyn Etheridge; Niece, Tracey Etheridge, and Great Nephew, Avery Lovgren.

A visitation will be held at the Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments in Princeton, IL. on Monday, February 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Social distancing, mask as well as Illinois guidelines and tier mitigation will be followed.

A private family service will follow, Monday, February 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., officiating by Pastor Gene Vincent.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. at Elm Lawn Memorial Park, in Princeton, the family wishes to extend an invitation for all wishing to participate.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be directed to St. Judes Research Hospital or the First Lutheran Church's 'Ohio School Buddy Bags Program'.

Online memorials may be directed to [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Funeral Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Princeton, IL 61356

## Graveside Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Elm Lawn Cemetery  
N Knox St.  
Princeton, IL 61356


# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Winafred was a kind old lady. She had a heart of gold, She would never heard a fly. May she rest in peice*

kallie - May 17, 2022 at 02:27 PM

MA

“ *Winnie was a sweet heart she was so sweet and loving. rest easy*  


marin - May 17, 2022 at 09:24 AM

MR

“ *For those of us that attended Mendota schools, I've always felt we were blessed with many fine teachers. However, some teachers exceeded even that lofty standard. Mrs Lovgren was certainly of them them. She made school fun! 35 years after being taught by Mrs Lovgren, I still remember fondly the energy and excitement she brought to her classroom. Thank you so much Mrs Lovgren.*

Monty Da Ronco - February 12, 2021 at 04:08 PM

BR

“ *I was fortunate to work with Winnie for many years at Northbrook school. Winnie was a caring teacher and a fun and supportive co-worker. Her dry sense of humor made me laugh and brightened my day. Winnie was a support to me as we worked with challenging students and shared the ongoing struggle to be a Cub fan. Rest In Peace, Mrs Lovgren: you were one of a kind and you will be remembered fondly.*

Beverly Richardson - February 06, 2021 at 12:07 PM

JR

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**joseph rainford** - February 02, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JR

“ *This grand lady was the absolute best. I had her for social studies in middle school , and she was both timeless and ahead of her time.*

*She is the reason for the interest in news, current events, and politics I carry with me today...we spent the first chunk of every single class period taking notes in our required steno pads on the current news events of the day, and analyzing things...it was the 1990-1991 school year, during the Gulf War, and I started reading the news then, and haven't stopped since.*

*She is also the reason I call all kiddos, both in and out of the classroom "Sunshine" and "Ladybug" and "Queen Bee." She was seriously as tough as nails...but she was also quick to assign you an endearment (those three were some of her pet names of choice), which seemed all the more special because she was so no-nonsense. Loved her! A great teacher and a great lady. They don't make them like this anymore.*

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**Jessie (Johnson) Robinette** - January 31, 2021 at 10:57 PM

JS

“ Mrs Lovgren it was an honor to call you my friend and mentor. Lots of great memories from lunch time at Northbrook. You had a tremendous impact on countless students and staff members. A life well lived. May you and “The Big Sweed” Rest In Peace.

*Jeff Strouss*

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**Jeff Strouss** - January 31, 2021 at 09:25 AM

ME

“ i was lucky enough to have mrs lovgren as a teacher during 5th grade at northbrook school. good memories of her and molly. my sympathy to the family. melinda truckenbrod

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**melinda** - January 30, 2021 at 05:52 PM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Winnie and her wonderful family while working at the bank. I will always remember her stories during the time she taught, her retirement and years beyond. She was always want to share her thoughts about family politics and current events and I so looked forward to our visits. After I retired she and Molly would stop by my house to visit, all the laughs recipes and stories we shared, simply priceless. Heaven gained a true angel and I'm sure Don was waiting for her at those pearly gates when she arrived. God bless you Winnie. God bless you too Molly and Paul for all you did for her.

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**Judie Hahn** - January 30, 2021 at 04:06 PM

LO

“ I worked with Mrs. Lovgren for many years at Northbrook. She always had nicknames for her students. I remember her calling some of them "Queen Bee". I put together an album for her when she retired, and the staff contributed so many wonderful memories. She was always upbeat and positive. All the students and the staff adored her. What a great teacher!  
Linda Olson

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Linda Olson - January 30, 2021 at 11:40 AM

ED

“ I knew Winnie my entire life. She and my mother were old friends who enjoyed witty banter throughout the years. They served on the Ohio School Board together. It often seemed as though they had full conversations with their eyes and smirks. I had the pleasure of teaching with Winnie my first year out of college. She had the energy of those half her age. She changed with the times seamlessly, which was evident in her teaching and everything she did. I enjoyed visiting with her every chance I got and was fortunate enough to call her a friend. The world is a better place because of Win. She will be dearly missed. On behalf of The Duffy Family, we thank you for the memories & send our sincerest condolences to Molly & family.

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Erin Duffy - January 29, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Winafred A Lovgren.



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January 29, 2021 at 11:24 PM

TP

“ I remember her from Northbrook. I am sorry for your loss.

Terri Polson - January 29, 2021 at 09:36 PM

CL

“ Dear Molly & family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I remember what a good teacher Mrs. Lovgren was at Northbrook. May she Rest In Peace.  
God Bless, Christine Motter- Liesse



christine liesse - January 29, 2021 at 08:35 PM

SS

“ I'm sad to of learned about Mrs. Lovgren's passing. She holds a special place in my family and my hearts. She was my 8th grade teacher in Mendota. As I was told by my Dad growing up that she was his Sunday school teacher in Ohio. I will never forget her telling me that she expected more out of me while in her class because she knew my grandparents Minnie & Curtis Saltzman and my Dad (Jim Saltzman). My thoughts & prayers for her family at this time!

Sarah Ann Saltzman - January 29, 2021 at 08:17 PM

AF

“ Mrs. Lovgren was one of my favorite teachers at Northbrook. I was fortunate to have her as my home room teacher and English teacher in 6th grade and also my history teacher in 8th grade. She made learning so much fun. My condolences to her family. May you find peace and love during this difficult time.

Angie Fitzgerald - January 29, 2021 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ Win taught at Northbrook when I started, and I had the good fortune of teaching Molly. She taught both of my children and was well respected by everyone. Rest in Peace.

*John Stuckey*

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**John Stuckey** - January 29, 2021 at 07:00 PM

RK

“ I first knew Mrs. Lovgren as a middle school teacher of our 3 sons at Northbrook. Then when I later joined the Dist. 289 teaching staff myself, I got to know Winnie as a co-worker. I have much respect for this fine educator. My condolences to her family & friends. Rest in PEACE, Winafred. Prayers from Cynthia "Cyndy" Kreiser

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**Robert & Cynthia Kreiser** - January 29, 2021 at 06:43 PM

PB

“ Enjoyed knowing Winafred while on the District 289 faculty together and seeing her in the years after. She was inspiring to all of us and her students. Condolences to family and friends

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**Pat Beals** - January 29, 2021 at 03:36 PM

DA

“ Every once in awhile Winnie joined us for dinner at Los Ranchitos and she would laugh with us, even when we were naughty! I think she may even have joined us in a margarita if she was up to it. Either way she had that smile and spark that told you life was good, enjoy it!

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**Daria** - January 29, 2021 at 01:47 PM