

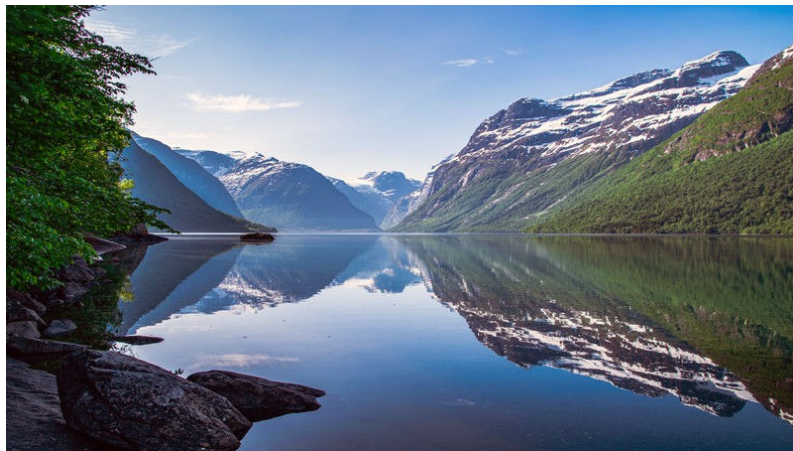
Nordfjordlag E-News

Spring?!

Well, here it is February, and we have gone from a few days below zero to the mid 50's again. Ah Minnesota! It has been three years since the last issue, and I sit here looking to fill another newsletter with articles of interest. I also need to report the death of some of our members but don't want this to become simply a collection of obituaries. So let's see what I can find.

The first bit of good news is that our 2025 trip to Norway is definitely a go!

Nordfjordlag's 2025 Trip to Norway!



Nordfjordlagets Trip Committee, working along with the Nordfjord History Association, have completed plans for the 2025 trip to Norway. The dates are aligned to join Norway in their grand 200th year celebration of the first planned immigrant crossing from Norway to America on the ship "**Restoration**".

The committees have completed plans for two trips. One for Norwegian Nordfjordings to visit America and the other for American Nordfjordings to visit Norway.

The American group is schedule to meet in Bergen, Norway on Wednesday June 18, 2025 and the planned portion of the trip is to end in Hamar on Friday June 27th. Travelers will be able to add side trips on either or both ends of the planned events. (See condensed itinerary on page 2.)

Great news! The 'US Dollar to Norwegian Kroner' exchange rate is currently in our favor, and the trip has been declared a GO!



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A Condensed Trip Itinerary.

Wednesday June 18th - Arrival Bergen
Thursday - Selje monastery and Stad
Friday - Måløyraidsenteret and Nordfjord Opera
Saturday - Loen and Innvik emigration celebrations
Sunday - Sagastad and the Myklebust viking ship
Monday - Stryn and Jostedal Glacier Center
Tuesday - Sandane and the Nordfjord Folk Museum
Wednesday - Open day to visit relatives and friends.
Thursday - Bus to Hamar and the Norwegian Emigrant Museum
Friday June 27th - End of tour

For more in-depth trip information, I advise visiting the trip web site found at:

<https://www.footprinttours.no/nordfjord-tour#program>

Tentative Schedule

Oct.. 6th: Arrival New York
Oct. 7th: Getting to know NY
Oct. 8th: Lunchtime at the Norwegian Seaman's Church and at Scandinavia House that night.
Oct. 9th: Official opening Crossings 200: South Seaport Museum, Pier 16, Lower Manhattan
Oct. 10: Possible show at another NY venue? (Kaye Playhouse?)
Oct. 12: Show/performance at Norway House, Minneapolis
Oct. 13: Show at Kelsey Theatre, St. Olaf? Not confirmed
Oct. 14: Show at Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
Oct. 15-16: Departure for Norway

200 years since the First Organized Migrant Crossing

Celebrations are planned on both sides of the Atlantic for the 200th year anniversary of that historic voyage from Norway to the U.S.

(The following text is copied from the "CROSSINGS" Web Site. See their website for more information:

<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/>)

"On July 4, 1825, a group of 52 Norwegians set sail on the ship Restauration to make the first organized migration from Norway to North America. Since that first voyage, about 900,000 people have followed, leaving their homes in search of opportunities and a better life. While many returned to Norway, most stayed and built a new home in the New World. Today nearly five million people in North America claim Norwegian ancestry."

Local Nordfjording competes on "Alt For Norge"

Maybe you've heard of the Norwegian TV show called "Alt for Norge". It is a reality show somewhat like "Survivor". The premise is that they find people in the U.S. that have Norwegian ancestry but have not been to Norway after their 15th birthday. Ten contestants are chosen from a large number of applicants to be on the show. These folks are then brought to Norway to compete in various ways to show their abilities in observation, language, physical activities, etc. The winner gets to meet their Norwegian relatives at the end of the series. Those who fail along the way are eliminated and must return home.

So, what! You say! Well, in season eleven, one of the contestants is Brady Arneson, the grandson of Lavonne Lundebrek, a member of Nordfjordlag.

Brady, who currently lives in Hawaii, was chosen as one of the ten. He did well and made it to the final show. You will have to talk with Lavonne to find out the rest of the story!



.Nordfjord Opera Group Coming to Midwest

We have had yearly opera productions every Fall since 1998, in addition to concert tours, musicals, family productions and musical theatre workshops for children and youth. In 2009 a new, state of the art Opera house, Operahuset Nordfjord, <https://operahuset.no/> ,

opened, a milestone for Opera Nordfjord and for all cultural activity in our community.

In 2023 our main production was Soga om Sol, a musical about the emigration from Nordfjord to America around 1915. The libretto was written by Øystein Wiik and the music is by composer Gisle Kverndokk.

The musical was a wonderful artistic success, we sold nearly all the tickets for our 8 shows, and

Her Majesty Queen Sonja was present at the premiere on October 4th. We were inspired by her enthusiasm when after the premiere she told the entire cast backstage “You have to bring this out to more people – you have to go to New York!”. So we listened to her, and we are currently planning a tour of the US next October.

A little bit about the musical:

The story is about a young girl, Sol, who runs away from an abusive farmer, by whom she is pregnant. She joins a local adventurer, Emil, on his journey to America and ends up in New York in a Side Show. The story is about her newfound friends among the outcasts of society, a warm and heartfelt story that moved our audience to tears every night. I myself played the violin in the orchestra, and the music is just beautiful!

We are very eager to take our show to the U.S. as a part of the 2025 Bicentennial celebration, Crossings 200, and we are now officially a part of the big Norwegian-American collaboration. Our plan is to revise the musical and translate it into English and perform it here in our local opera house, (Operahuset Nordfjord), in October of 2025 as a part of the Norwegian celebration of Crossings 200. After which we will travel to New York around Oct. 6 or Oct. 7. We then will perform the show/parts of the show at the Norwegian Sjømannskirken and Scandinavia House and hopefully to be present on October 9th, when the official Crossings 200 celebration takes place on Manhattan at the Seaport Museum, hosted by the Consulate General.

Our performances are all free, we can't charge for tickets, so everyone is welcome! When we perform at Norway House, we expect that there will be a greet and meet afterwards.

Norway's Incredible Ship Tunnel Plan Is Back On Track

Credit 'Forbes Newsletters'

Also See:

<https://www.kystverket.no/en/fairway/stad-ship-tunnel/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sfvo-WWxYNk>

Despite pandemic-related and planning delays to the project, the Norwegian Coastal Administration is pressing ahead with plans to build the world's first full-scale ship tunnel.



By bypassing the hazardous waters around the Stad peninsula, the tunnel will eliminate the need for navigating its frequently rough seas and powerful currents.

The Stad peninsula projects into the Norwegian Sea, creating treacherous conditions for maritime traffic due to its relentless weather and unpredictable currents. Norway's innovative response? Carve a mile-long tunnel directly through the peninsula.

After years of little communication following the announcement of the sensational plans, the Norwegian Coastal Administration has now published the tender for the tunnel's construction, with a pre-qualification deadline set for the end of January 2025.

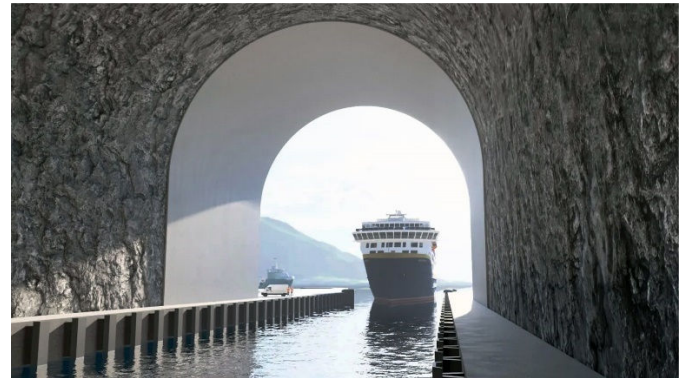
If construction begins as planned in late 2025, it should be finished in time for an opening in 2030.

The Stad ship tunnel will not only be an impressive feat of engineering. It is also poised

to become a major tourist attraction, particularly for those traveling on the Norwegian coastal route.

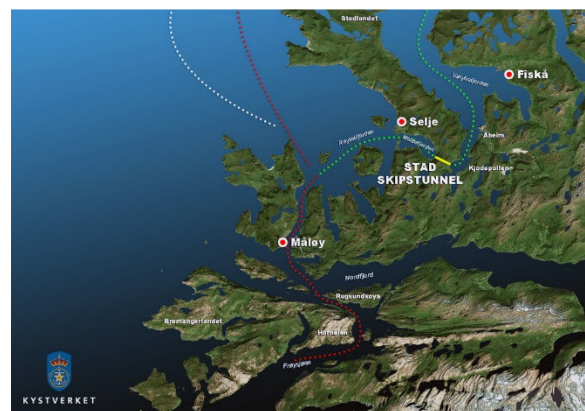
Visitors will likely flock to see this unique structure and experience passing through the world's first full-scale ship tunnel.

With an estimated speed limit of eight knots, it will take vessels approximately ten minutes to pass through the tunnel.



However, most cruise ships will be too big to navigate the tunnel. Instead, the tunnel will cater primarily to smaller vessels, including coastal ferries and other small passenger ships, offering an unforgettable journey through this innovative passage.

The tunnel's entrances, designed by Snøhetta, will feature rough-hewn rock walls, walkways, and a road bridge to blend with the natural landscape and provide scenic viewpoints, potentially boosting local tourism too.



From the Archives



Pennant from 1915

This afternoon as I looked through a trunk I call the Nordfjordlag archives, I found this pennant from the stevne held in the Swift County Courthouse, Benson, MN, on June 24-26, 1915.

A rough translation of the pennant text is, “Dear brother, God’s peace and good day. - What parish are you from and where do you live?” (This translation is from a Swedish translator program since modern Norwegian and Danish translators do an obviously poor job of deciphering this old Nordfjording text.)

100 Years Ago – (1925 Stevne)

One hundred years ago Nordfjordlag celebrated the 100th anniversary of the First Organized Migrant Crossing. The following is a translated excerpt of the keynote speech given at that stevne.

100th Anniversary 1925 By Pastor David Støre.

Dear friends and neighbors!

We are gathered to celebrate a unique celebration in the history of the Norwegian people in this country. Yes, this celebration is not only unique in the history of our people in this country, it is even a unique celebration in the history of the United States. As far as I know, no other ethnic group of this country’s inhabitants has ever celebrated its 100th anniversary. Never, as far as I know, has any other ethnic group been able to hold a party of such magnitude as this party, which can offer such a rich and lofty program. Never has any other ethnic group been able to hold a party like this, which in advance aroused such a one all over the country, not only in the United States but also in foreign countries.

The government of our country has shown this enterprise an exquisite and flattering attention. As you all know, it has had stamps printed to commemorate the immigration of our people. But not only that. It even shows us the honor of the country’s president personally coming here to bring us the greetings of the American nation. Such attention and consideration should make every man and woman of Norwegian descent straighten their backs and rejoice in being descended from a people who have thus won such a place in a foreign land. This party is also shown to be unique in terms of connectivity. All indications are that there will be an enormous turnout. We will never forget this party, we who are so lucky to be attending.

The men and women here, who have spearheaded the arrangements for this party, have done a tremendous job and have shown outstanding skill. They deserve all the honor and appreciation. In this connection, the people of Nordfjord have no small reason to be proud; The secretary of this party committee is, after all, our gifted Nordfjord professor, Holvik. It goes without saying, of course, that no party committee, no matter how good it was, could arrange such a party and get such support and

get the government of this country to show such attention to the cause, if the Norwegian people at least to some extent have deserved such a celebration. We do not need to discuss this. Everything in connection with the party shows that the efforts the Norwegian immigrant people and their children have made in this country's national, industrial, commercial, and religious life are appreciated and appreciated. The immigrant people from Nordfjord and their children also have their share in this effort.

The closest thing to the idea of a party like this one seems to me is this effort. Of course, we do not have time this afternoon to deal with the subject as it deserves, and the person standing before you, who is speaking on this occasion, does not have the ability to investigate such a large-scale case in any way. In parentheses, I must be allowed to say that we Nordfjordings are very proud of our chairman. The decency and excellent skill with which he not only serves as chairman of our lag but also represents us on festive occasions and otherwise when required, deserves our undivided support and recognition. But I am afraid that the chairman, for once, has made a regrettable mistake and it may happen that the rest of the board is to blame for that as well. But whatever it is, the heaviest blame falls on the chairman. And what I'm aiming for is the choice of speeches for this afternoon. I must honestly admit that I have felt overly flattered by the invitation to give a speech on this occasion, but I am afraid that the President may be criticized. But remember, good people, that it is the greatest men who make the greatest mistakes of their time, and it is men who truly accomplish something that make mistakes. Small men make small mistakes, and some men are so dizzyingly small that they make no mistakes. The thing is, then, that the chairman was so kind as to ask me to speak, and I accepted the invitation, and now you who sit here may suffer the consequences as best you can.

As I said, I think the topic that is closest is our efforts in the development of this country. It will be without, this topic which will run like a red thread throughout the party, and I should not basically presume to start on this topic, and yet I

cannot get myself to talk about anything else. Some share would just be a disharmony with the party atmosphere that vibrates in the air.

Now what is the Norwegians 'contribution to the development of this country' We will first point to the contribution in the population we have made and the work our people have done in the development of the country's natural sources of wealth. When we think back to the beginning of Norwegian immigration and let our imagination play a little, then it is an overwhelming image that unfolds before our eyes. The small stream which began with the "Restoration's" arrival on the coast of America, grew until it became a huge and mighty river, so that the Norwegian immigrant people and their descendants now number over two and a half million men, nesker a population of a country is of indescribable importance to the same country. There are few who can imagine the size of this population. We who come from the smaller towns and rural areas think that Minneapolis and St. Paul are mighty cities; anthills when we came here. It literally abounds with people everywhere. But if every house and hotel in these two cities stood empty and all men, women and children of Norwegian descent came as a huge army, then there would not be enough room for all.

Such a large group of people can give a country an indescribable amount of both good and evil. Should such a large group of people be unenlightened and submerged both spiritually and morally, it could be a poison that is dangerous for the whole country. If, on the other hand, there is an enlightened ethnic group that stands high spiritually and morally, it can become a salt that cleanses and strengthens the whole society. It is my firm belief that the Norwegian immigrant people, on the whole, have been a group like the latter. On the whole, they have been enlightened and highly spiritual and moral. We can certainly, in all modesty, say such a big word. Therefore, the Norwegian immigrant people have been a cleansing and strengthening salt for society. As a rule, the Norwegian immigrant has been honest, upright, hardworking and skilled. Therefore, he has made a valuable contribution to the national character

of this country; ten of the country's national forces eventually become a product of what all the many ethnic groups, which make up this country's population, together contribute. If we Norwegians have something particularly good in our national character, and we believe that we have, then let it be our task to get this incorporated to the greatest possible extent into the country's national character.

With regard to our contribution to the development of the country's natural sources of aid, it is easier to point out; for there we deal with concrete things. I think I can safely say that in the first fifty years of Norwegian immigration, most of the immigrants settled on agriculture and forestry. Immigration in recent years, on the other hand, has mostly gone to the big cities. This is probably due to the fact that Norway has recently become an industrial country, and Norway has an enormous amount of hydropower that has been used more and more. But immigration right up to the seventies and eighties came mostly from the countryside. The vast majority were peasant sons and peasant sons and daughters. And as long as there were large stretches of prairie and forest land here in this country, waiting for men and women with strength in their arms and courage in their bosoms, it was natural that the flow of immigrants flowed into the countryside. Little by little, there were large settlements. The forests were cleared, and the prairie plowed.

The vast majority were poor and had only two strong arms to begin with. They were brave men and women. They were not afraid to take a heavy load. They were wise and frugal. They got to feel the cramped conditions of settler life, and they also got to feel that they were far away from their homeland and their family. They got to feel the longing and homesickness that often fascinates you when you first settle in a foreign country. But the years passed and little by little the forest was cleared and the vast rolling prairies laid under the plow. The small, cramped log cabins and turf houses had to make way for large, comfortable farmhouses and red-painted barns. It was all surrounded by a forest grove which, in the case of the prairie, had been planted and

protected with loving hands. Outside these lay the arable land in an infinity of expanses: in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Can't you see it in your imagination! Anyone who could see the whole thing as a unified picture, first what it was the Norwegians began to clear and plow, and then what the vast smiling settlements are now, would be completely overwhelmed.

It was a great day's work these industrious and meticulous men and women performed. It was truly an honorable day's work. Many of these poor settlers prospered. We honor them. They honestly deserved it. And the vast majority reached a carefree outcome. Most of the pioneers now rest under the turf. But the well-cultivated and well-built settlements stand as their memorials. The government of our country is fully aware of what the Norwegian people have done in this area. One can say what one wants about industry, factory operations, science and culture, everything has its significance for human life; but we can have none of these other things unless we provide bread for the hungry mouths. That is the great task of agriculture. Agriculture is therefore the basic and absolute necessity for the entire existence of the human race. We must have food to live. The Norwegian people here in America have been an important factor in that bread world. He who does not understand the importance of agriculture, even has a certain inclination to look down on our arable population, is a narrow-minded and stupid man.

..... Three more pages left out!

Will there be a trace of us in a hundred years' time or will our people disappear without a trace, so that there will only be a saga that once upon a time there were people of Norwegian descent who had built and lived in this country. Our hope is that it must not be. Such a fate is to be avoided, I will not be out prepared. In any case, it is clear that hard work must be done from generation to generation to maintain this awareness. And it shall be for the good of our descendants, and it shall be for the good of our land.

Fellesraad Update January 2025 - By Elaine Hasleton, President

Fellesraad has been actively planning and providing input for the new Haugo Bibliotek at Norway House. The Bygdelag Special Collections Room will hold genealogical and other family history research materials. It will also be a FamilySearch Affiliate Library which will make available even more research sources. The other area of the Haugo Bibliotek will officially be named the Norwegian Discovery Center.

We are looking at the possibility of a soft opening of the Bygdelag Special Collections Room at the time of the Fellesraad Annual Meeting on May 2-3, 2025. More information will be forthcoming.

You, as a Bygdelag, have contributed funds to this Bygdelag Special Collections Room. A donor plaque will honor your contributions. Genealogical and family history items from your Lag may still be added to this collection; however, there are parameters as to what can be accepted. Please contact me or Marilyn Sorensen for assistance with this.

This year we also honor the 200th year of the first organized migration from Norway to North America. See this website for more information: <https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/>

Current Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>1st Elected in</u>
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Vice President / Webmaster / Librarian	Gene Rodi	1995
Secretary	Sonia Rache	1997
Treasurer	Marjorie Anderson	2023
Director	Beverly Anderson	2000
Director	Gail Holm	2012
Director	Darlene Durgan	2023
Director	Tim Peterson	2023

E-Mail: officers@nordfjordlag.com

A Big **THANK YOU!** to the Members of our Trip Committee

Tim Peterson, Joyce Burnison and Kevin Hoff for Nordfjordlag.

Knut Dupedal, tour guide for "Fote Temareiser AS/ Footprinttours", helped us plan the Nordfjord Norway trip, along with members of the "Nordfjord History Association". This trip is part of our 2025 "Crossings 200 Celebration".

Our Lag Web Pages:

If you haven't visited our web page go to <http://www.nordfjordlag.com> where you can find photos, documents and more information on the history of the lag.

The Nordfjordlag FaceBook Page currently has 143 members, many of them from Norway. You may connect to distant relatives at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1920095291515242>

Message from Our President

Hilsen,

This Winter in Blaine, Minnesota there has been not much snow. There were a couple of cold snaps with -20F at one time.

Wow it has been 3 years since the last Nordfjordlag E-Newsletter.

Mom, Sandy, Cousin Joan Siedow and I have been to Nordfjord. We stayed at a ski center home near Nordfjordeid with a grass roof. We drove around Nordfjord and visited churches and went to Mom and Sandy's Grandpa's home farm of Nedre Myklebust near Bryggja, Norway. We got to meet Cousin Harald Lorentz Bakke in Davik and to see Davik Kirke and Rugsund Kirke. These are Kirkes Mom's Grandpa had ties too. We had coffee with Haralds family. Nothing like good Norwegian Coffee and treats.

“Crossings 200 Celebration 1825-2025” a celebration of the first Norwegians that came to America is underway. Nordfjordlag is part of this “Crossings 200 Celebration” with our trip to Nordfjord Norway during the last part of June 2025. This Nordfjord Trip is priced incredibly well. Be sure to tell all your friends. (There is link to the Nordfjord Trip provided below.)

<https://www.footprinttours.no/norfjord-tour#program>

I have also been working with “Opera Nordfjord” on plans for coming to United States also as part of the “Crossings 200 Celebration” in Minnesota. (See the article in this newsletter.)

There are many “Crossings 200 Celebration” events being held in the Midwest. A link to the “Crossings 200 Celebration” website for planned events has also been provided below.

<https://crossings.norwegianamerican.com/>

The Nordfjordlag Stevne 2025 will be held at Green Lake Bible Camp on Sunday September 14, in Spicer, MN. We are still working on some details for this meeting. I'm pleased to announce that we can keep the price of Stevne at \$40 for the day for members for another year. The price for guests is \$50 for the day. Nordfjordlag

Membership is just \$10 a year or \$100 for lifetime membership.

Everyone, have a great winter, spring and summer. I will see some of you at the end of June 2025 in Norway.

Time to start packing for Nordfjord.

Kevin Hoff, President



His Majesty The King's Guard Coming in May

An announcement from “His Majesty The King's Guard” (Hans Majestet Kongens Garde) from Norway today. A musical celebration is going to take place in May 2025 in Minnesota. Date and time to be determined. Watch for more information about their visit to Mindekirken's Tuesday Open House.

See more about the guard at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/His_Majesty_the_King%27s_Guard

Video Links

Like looking at videos from Nordfjord? Here are a couple YouTube videos of Loen & Olden you might like to watch.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkLUzt_BgCY

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf9t5ADaBLE

OBITUARIES

Beatta O. Swanson

August 30, 1926 -
March 19, 2022

Swanson, Beatta O. Age 95, of Burnsville, MN passed away peacefully on March 19, 2022.



Beatta was born August 30, 1926 to Arnold and Lenore Olson of Clarkfield MN. She graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1944 and went on to attend Mankato Business College before moving to Minneapolis. It was on a blind date that she met her future husband, Roland. They were married on September 16, 1950, a marriage that lasted for 64 years. The marriage was blessed with 2 children, Robert and James.

Beatta loved to travel and with Roland by her side visited every continent (except Antarctica) and 49 of the 50 states. They retired to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas for 26 years, always returning to Velvet Beach in Merrifield MN for the summer, before returning permanently to Minnesota in her later years. She is preceded in death by Roland, her husband of 64 years, daughter-in law, Lori Swanson, and her brother John Olson. She is survived by sons Robert and James Swanson and grandchildren Timothy and John Swanson.

Kristine Rafshol



Kristine Gelain Rafshol of Minneapolis Minnesota passed away on July 15, 2022.

She was born on June 3, 1943 in Montevideo, Minnesota, to Anne and Sverre Lien, the youngest

of four children. During her early years the family lived on a farm in Lyon County, west of Cottonwood, Minnesota. In 1953, they moved to a farm near Milaca, Minnesota where she

graduated from Milaca High School. She moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and attended Minneapolis Vocational Evening School and Technical Institute. She developed her first career in the Administrative Offices of IDS, employed there for over 30 years. She became a successful realtor in her second career, taking great joy in helping her clients.

Kristine met her husband Kristian at the local Sons of Norway Lodge and they were married in 1968 at Mindekirken Norwegian Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. They made their home in South Minneapolis.

Kristine and Kristian were long-time members of Mindekirken. She was active in the church and enjoyed volunteering for many events while building a vast network of friends. Kristine and Kristian made many trips to Kristian's childhood homeland of Nordfjord, Norway. Kristine's father's birthplace was Etnedal, Valdres and she was very proud of her Norwegian heritage. Their many trips to Norway provided Kristine the opportunity to visit her ancestral homeland and relatives as well.

Her hobbies included reading, gardening, needlework, cooking and baking. Her krumkake was a popular treat for all at Yule Tide! She enjoyed the outdoors as she and Kristian were avid cross-country skiers. She had a great affection for animals, especially her cats Katrina and Kari.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Kristian; sister Gladys Lien Oftedal and brother-in-law George; brother Selvin and sister-in-law Carolyn; brother Archie Lien and niece Rebecca Lien.

She is survived by nieces Shirley Oftedal Gibson of Winters, California; Nancy Oftedal Ogan and husband Marc of Free Union, Virginia. Nephews David Lien and wife Kathy of Bock, Minnesota; Daniel Lien and Mark King of Bradbury, California. Many Great and Great-Great nieces and nephews. And other relatives and friends both here and in Norway. She will be sadly missed by both family and friends.

LuAnn Jane Williams



LuAnn Jane (Rodi) Williams, of Seatac, Washington. passed away Oct 3, 2022.

Preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Esther (Groten) Rodi,

and her husband, Philip Williams. She is survived by her sister Doreen (Jim) Nohr, niece Lisa Sobiech, nephew David (Sarah and Baby, Charlotte) and stepdaughter Erika Williams.

LuAnn was born February 4, 1949, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from Johnson High School in Saint Paul in 1967, and from the University of Minnesota where she worked as a library aid. Her degree was in recreational therapy. She continued her studies with a year in Norway.

LuAnn was an avid Norwegian folk-dance participant and active in the Minnesota and Seattle area Nordfjordlags. She was president of Nordfjordlag i Amerika, (Minnesota) from 1993 to 1997. While living in Minneapolis she joined a Norwegian Folk Dance group where she met her husband Phil. They were married on May 21st, 1988, in Minneapolis.

LuAnn loved dancing and all things Norwegian. Their wedding cake was a Norwegian Kransekage, (translated into English as "Wreath Cake", it is a many tiered cake, made by stacking rings, each a little smaller so that it forms a cone,). She often used Norwegian phrases in communications with her many cousins and delighted in reminding them of Norwegian holidays.



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(Editors note: Lloyd Erwin Krob, although not a member of Nordfjordlag, has been a long-time supporter of the lag through yearly memorial donations.)

Lloyd Erwin Krob



Lloyd Erwin Krob of Eagan, MN passed away January 15, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Thilda, and brother Thomas (Gibbie). Son's,

Duane (Linda) & Gary (Kim), daughter Karen, grandchildren, Joshua, Tyler, Catherine, Alexander and Brianna, great grandchildren, Taylor & Brooks survive Lloyd. Also, brother's Roger (Cora) and Don (Nancy) of Superior, WI. He also leaves behind many "ham" radio, and dancing friends.

Lloyd graduated from Central High in Superior, WI, received a B.A. and B.S. from the U. of M. and his Masters at Mankato University. He worked a number of years at the Hamm's Brewery in St. Paul before going into education. During his 30 years in education he taught in Lanesboro, Lake Crystal and Bloomington, MN. In Bloomington he taught at Portland Jr. and Kennedy Sr. High School until his retirement in 1993. He was very active in local and regional politics in the 70's and early 80's, serving on the District 196 School Board, Eagan Planning Commission, Burnsville/Eagan Cable Commission, and Dakota County Planning Commission. He was a member of Zuhrah Shrine, Lebanon Lodge, MN Valley Shrine Club, Zuhrah Drum Corps, ZARC, Jolly Nobles, and Zuhrah Computer Club.

He was involved in amateur radio for many years with his call letters: WA0EFW. He was a member of social organizations such as: Spares and Pairs Square Dance Club, SOS in Burnsville, SAT in Edina, MN, West Coast Swing Club, Rebels Swing Club, East Meets West Swing Club, Café Bailar Dance Club, and Laurel & Hardy "Busy Bodies" in Superior, Wisconsin. In the 90's he got "hooked" on country dancing and spent many hours at the Rodeo Night Club in Cottage Grove, and Starks in Eagan, MN.

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Currently, we do not have a schedule for publishing a newsletter. Depending on the feedback and input from our readers we could publish two or more times a year. I am not an editor, so this is a struggle. If you have a story or link to an article of interest, please send it to me.

Please inform me of any members who have passed away since our last issue for inclusion in the next one.

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Send me your comments or preferences please!

Take care. Gene Rodi

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