

# Norseland News

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORSELAND NURSING HOME



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## Employee Highlights

### WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Amy Bravo, CNA - 1 year  
Serenity Bravo - Robertson, CNA - 1 yr  
Sydney Burckhardt, CNA - 1 year  
Jennafer Fennigkoh, CNA - 1 year  
Normina "Jo" Olson, CNA - 4 yrs  
Tessa Sanders, CNA - 1 years  
Peggy Stellner, Laundry Aide - 19 yrs  
Lucy Tirado-Lopez, CNA - 1 year

### NEW EMPLOYEES:

Norseland is hiring!

## Announcements

March in Wisconsin always keeps us guessing! While winter isn't quite ready to let go, we're starting to see signs of spring with longer days and the occasional warmer afternoon. Everyone at Norseland is looking forward to the fresh air, sunshine, and all the activities that come with the changing season.

Over the past few weeks, we have worked through a period of increased illness in the building. I want to send a huge thank you to our staff for stepping up, supporting one another, and continuing to provide excellent care during a busy and challenging time. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

I'd also like to thank our residents' families and friends for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. Your support with precautions and communication has helped us keep our residents safe and comfortable. We truly appreciate the teamwork and partnership we share with you.

As we move further into spring, our focus remains on keeping our residents healthy, happy, and well cared for. Thank you to everyone who helps make Norseland such a special place — we couldn't do it without you.

**-Angie Viau, Admin.**

## WE ARE HIRING

### Available Positions:

- CNAs (PMs)
- Nurse (LPN or RN: PMs)
- Van Driver - on call position

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# Special Events

## *First Day of Spring*



We've been eagerly awaiting the arrival of warmer days and brighter sunshine! On **Friday, March 20th**, we'll celebrate the first day of spring with Garden Bingo and delicious dirt cup treats. We'll also plant our tomato and pepper seeds and look forward to watching them sprout and grow in the weeks ahead. As soon as the spring weather cooperates, we're excited to begin using our accessible UTV and enjoy more time outdoors. Happy Spring!

## *Musical Bingo with Westby Elementary*



Staff members from Westby Elementary will be joining residents at Norseland Nursing Home for a fun afternoon of Musical Bingo as part of our ongoing collaboration between the two organizations. This special event will take place on **Friday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m.** We're looking forward to spending time together and enjoying this opportunity to connect with the wonderful educators from Westby Elementary!



## *St. Patrick's Day*

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on **March 17th**. In honor of the holiday, our Recreation Therapy Department will be serving a traditional Reuben sandwich paired with cream of potato soup for lunch (*advanced sign up with recreation department required*). In the afternoon, we'll enjoy St. Patrick's Day Bingo and test our knowledge of Ireland with fun facts and trivia. We're excited and look forward to celebrating together!

## *Brewers Opening Day*



Let's cheer on the Milwaukee Brewers as they kick off their season against the Chicago White Sox on **Thursday, March 26th**! To celebrate Opening Day, our Nutrition Services Department will be serving a tailgate-themed lunch for residents to enjoy. Residents can also join in the fun with a game of cornhole and test their knowledge with Brewers trivia. If your loved one would like a copy of the Brewers schedule, please let our Recreation Department know.

# Community Engagement

## *Norseland Auxiliary*



The Norseland Auxiliary will host its annual Pie & Ice Cream Social fundraiser on **Saturday, March 28th, from 2:00–3:30 p.m.** at Norseland Nursing Home. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Norseland Auxiliary.

This event is open to the public, so come enjoy a variety of delicious pies and ice cream while supporting a wonderful cause. Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to seeing you there!

## *Westby Lions Easter Egg Hunt*

The Westby Lions are excited to host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Norseland Nursing Home on **Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

This community event welcomes children of all ages. Children ages 3 and under will hunt for eggs indoors, while children ages 4 and up will enjoy the hunt outside on the Norseland lawn.



Join us for a fun-filled morning featuring special prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. We look forward to celebrating with you and hope to see you there!

## *Valentine's Day Flowers*

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Wildflower & Wren** for organizing a community donation drive to provide a small bouquet to every resident in surrounding nursing homes and local meal sites.



Thanks to the generosity and support of our community, each resident received a beautiful bouquet on Valentine's Day—a thoughtful reminder of how loved, supported, and valued they are. We also sincerely thank **Chrisanthemum** for assisting with the delivery and coordination of this special project and **Lisa Jacobson** for the donation of crocheted hearts for each vase.

Your kindness and collaboration made Valentine's Day truly extra special for so many.

# Special Thanks to our Donors

## *Something For Seniors - United Country Oakwood Realty*



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church** for their generous monetary gift to the **"Something for Seniors"** donation drive. With this donation, we were able to purchase Alexa devices for use in resident rooms and common areas. These devices allow residents and their families to enjoy live music, receive weather updates, play trivia, and get answers to simple questions—adding both entertainment and convenience to their daily lives.

We are excited to introduce residents to this new technology and help them learn how to use it.

A special thank you as well to **United Country - Oakwood Realty** for their continued support in organizing this wonderful community drive.

## *Guided Painting & Vang Lutheran Church*



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Vang Lutheran Church for their generous donation to our Recreation Therapy Department. Thanks to your thoughtful monetary gift, we are excited to host a guided painting program led by local artist Barb Larsen. Participants will create the festive spring Easter bunny featured in the photo.

Family members are warmly invited to join their loved one for \$25 per person. The participation fee for Norseland residents will be fully covered by this generous donation.

The program will take place on **March 25th at 9:30 a.m.** Please sign up with Recreation Therapy by Monday, March 16th.

We are truly grateful for your support in helping us provide meaningful and creative experiences for our residents.

# In Memory Of....

## Marjorie Walters



Sept. 7, 1939 - Feb. 8, 2026

Marjorie Lou Walters passed peacefully into her heavenly home on February 8, 2026, at Norseland Nursing Home, after spending one final, cherished sleepover with her granddaughters, Rebecca and Amanda. Lovingly remembered for her kind heart, steadfast faith, and welcoming spirit, Marjorie was born on September 7, 1939, in Newton, Wisconsin, to Leif and Lilah (Rood) Myhre.

The oldest of eleven children, Marjorie embraced a life of service from a young age, spending many years helping her mother raise her younger brothers and sisters. Family was always at the center of her life, and she shared an especially close and cherished bond with her sister, Yvonne. Though she never had much in a material sense, Marjorie shared freely everything she had—most especially her time—giving countless hours volunteering at the food pantry and faithfully showing up for friends and neighbors whenever she was needed.

In April of 1957, Marjorie married Frederick Walters. Together they built a life rooted in faith, hard work, and love, and were blessed with two sons, Stephen and Thomas, who remained the pride and joy of her life.

Marjorie dedicated 36 years of service to the Viroqua Area Public Schools, working in the Nutrition Department. Fondly known by many as the “lunch lady,” she nourished generations of students not only with food, but with care, consistency, and a gentle presence. Marjorie had a deep love for the Lord and treasured her church family. Her faith guided her daily life and shaped the way she served others. Her door was always open, her coffee pot always on, and anyone who stopped by was welcomed with warmth, conversation, and kindness. In her quieter moments, she enjoyed baking, gardening, painting, and writing poetry.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring at the Assembly of God Church in Viroqua. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Assembly of God Church.

The family extends a special and heartfelt thank you to the Norseland Nursing Home and St. Croix Hospice for their compassionate care and support during Marjorie’s final days.

## Larry Leland



Feb. 23, 1951 - Feb. 15, 2026

Larry Leroy Leland, 74, of Westby, WI, passed away Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Norseland Nursing Home in Westby, WI.

He was born on February 23, 1951, to John and Olga (Hanson) Leland at the Viroqua Hospital. Larry graduated from Brookwood High School in 1970. During and after high school, he was his father’s right-hand man on the farm and was always ready to lend a hand wherever needed. In the summers, Larry worked just up the road at Brush Creek Campground, where he maintained the grounds. He truly enjoyed his time at the campground. He worked as a janitor for many years at Brush Creek Lutheran Church. This was his lifelong church and a place he took great pride in.

Larry is survived by two sisters, Linda Hagen and Beverly Leland both of Westby; Linda’s children Patty Hagen, John (Kathy) Hagen and his children Brett, Haley, and Tyler and Robert (Katie) Hagen and daughter Hannah; aunts Betty Bolton, Mary Ellen Hanson and Eunice Hanson; along with cousins, other relatives and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents John and Olga; his sister, Judy Leland; grandparents Otto and Nellie Hanson; and Simon and Minnie Leland; brother-in-law Michael Hagen; aunts and uncles: Leona (Lawrence) Berg, Bonnie, August “Auggie”, Orbin, and Otto (Bernice) Hanson Jr., Ona (Perle) Berge, Olaf, George, Melvin, Martin, Malinda and baby Gabrielle Leland, Elizabeth (Norman) Short, and Ona (Berlie) Witham.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 28, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at Brush Creek Lutheran Church, rural Ontario, WI. Pastor Amanda Schultz will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited for visitation Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

# In Memory Of....

## Edward Burke



Jan. 20, 1936 - Feb. 17, 2026

Edward Burke, age 90, of Westby, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Edward was born on January 20, 1936, to Melvin and Goldie Burke. He grew up on his parents' farm south of Westby. Edward met Marilyn Rumsey in front of Rudie's Drug Store in Westby. They were married on June 1, 1957. He and Marilyn were married for 68 years. They were farmers all of their life raising tobacco and milking cows. After they sold the cows, they stayed on the farm enjoying their retirement.

Ed and Mary were members of the Concordia Ballroom and loved to go dancing. They also loved to go visiting their friends and neighbors and going to Culver's.

Edward is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his son, Terry Burke; his daughter, Susan (Tom) Meyers; his sister, Janet Vangen; his brother, Jerry (Kay) Burke; his sister, Charlene (Jerry) Smith; his brother-in-law, Arvid (Betty) Rumsey; and many friends and loved ones. His spirit will live on in five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Goldie Burke; his father and mother-in-law, Gerald and Hilda Rumsey; his sister, Shirley (Lewis) Thompson; his brother-in-law, Raymond Vangen; his sister, Elaine Lunde; his sister-in-law, Gloria (Harley) Ostrem; his brother-in-law, Larry Rumsey; and his nephew, John Vangen.

Memorials may be given to the Country Coon Prairie Church Preservation or a charity of your choice.

A Funeral Service will be held at a later date. Online Condolences may be expressed at [www.vossfh.com](http://www.vossfh.com).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers at Norseland Nursing Home for their wonderful care given to our father over the last 1.5 years. Also, thank you to St. Croix Hospice for caring for him in his final days.

## Marilyn Burke



August 18, 1939 - Feb. 21, 2026

Marilyn Joyce (Rumsey) Burke, age 86, of Westby, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2026. Marilyn was born on August 18, 1939, to Gerald and Hilda (Myhre) Rumsey. She grew up in Chaseburg and attended Westby High School. Marilyn met Edward Burke in front of Rudie's Drug Store in Westby. They were married on June 1, 1957. She and Ed were married for 68 years. Marilyn and Edward were farmers all their lives until retirement. In addition to being a farmer's wife, Marilyn became a CNA. This came in handy many times while working at home as Ed's EMT and head nurse after his many accidents.

Marilyn was known for her Norwegian baked goods and "Scotcheroos" which she loved to share with family and friends. Marilyn created beautiful flower gardens. We all enjoyed seeing her flowers and walking through them with her. She was a member of the Westby Garden Club. She was also a member of the Westby Doll Club. She and Ed were members of the Concordia Ballroom and the local CMA. They loved to dance and spent many Sunday afternoons at the Concordia Ballroom dancing together. Survivors include her son, Terry Burke; her daughter, Susan (Tom) Meyers; her brother, Arvid (Betty) Rumsey; her sister-in-law, Janet (Raymond) Vangen; her brother-in-law, Jerry (Kay) Burke; sister-in-law, Charlene (Jerry) Smith; and many friends and loved ones. Her spirit will live on in five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Hilda Rumsey; her husband Edward Burke on February 17, 2026; her father and mother-in-law, Melvin and Goldie Burke; her sister, Gloria (Harley) Ostrem; her brother, Larry Rumsey; sister-in-law, Shirley (Lewis) Thompson; sister-in-law, Elaine Lunde; and nephew, John Vangen.

Memorials may be given to the Country Coon Prairie Church Preservation or a charity of your choice.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church. Pastor Alyssa Weaver will officiate. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow at the church. Private burial will be held at a later date at Country Coon Prairie Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers at Norseland Nursing Home for all their wonderful care given to our mother over the past 1 ½ years. Also, thank you to St. Croix Hospice for their excellent care and service for the last six weeks.