

Holiday Nut Bread

2 ½ cups flour
1 ¼ cups buttermilk
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup shortening
2 eggs
3 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
½ tsp baking soda
1 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom only of 9x5x3 loaf pan. Beat all ingredients in large mixer bowl on low speed 15 seconds. Beat on medium speed, scraping bowl constantly, 30 seconds. Pour into pan. Bake until toothpick comes clean 60-65 minutes. Immediately remove from pan, cool completely on wire rack. Garnish top with maraschino cherries and sliced green candied pineapple. Wrap and refrigerate at least 8 hours before slicing.

Banana Nut Bread

Substitute 1 ¼ cups mashed bananas and 1/3 cup whole milk for the buttermilk. Bake 70-75 minutes.