



Elnor Nelson

October 26, 1916 - January 29, 2012

Elnor Gertrude Nelson (Olson), age 95, of Dixon, IL (formerly of St. Cloud, MN) died Sunday, Jan. 29. She was born Oct. 26, 1916 to Elmer and Gornelia Olson (Peterson) in rural Webster County, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 71 years, Rev. Clifford H. Nelson, her granddaughter, Ingrid Nelson, and two older sisters, Willetta O'Brion and Jodella Legvold. Elnor is survived by four children: David Nelson (Claudia) of Grand Detour, IL, Naomi Nelson (Philip Dahlberg) of Houston, TX, Eldon Nelson of Canyon Lake, TX; and Stephen Nelson (Maureen) of Park Ridge, IL. She is survived by her grandchildren: Erik (Opie) Otterstad (Buffy) of Austin, TX, Karl Nelson (Holly) of Elgin, IL, Kaitlin Nelson of Toronto, Ontario, and Benjamin Nelson of Park Ridge, IL, and great-grandchildren: Nicklas, Thomas, August, and Solveig Nelson, and Tristram Otterstad. Also surviving are siblings, Harriet Schonberger, Laurine Nelson, Elmer Olson Jr., and Willard Olson, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Elnor graduated from Waldorf College in Forest City, IA and taught elementary school for a number of years in rural Iowa and St. Cloud, MN. She was an active member in her Lutheran congregations and a faithful supporter of the church's global mission. She will be remembered for her devoted love of her family and friends, her keen sense of fun and humor, her interest in Norwegian traditions, and her talents for folk painting, baking, entertaining, public speaking and writing. Elnor was the epitome of a faithful family member and friend who was treasured for her tender relationships with others, her warm hospitality, and

her grateful spirit. Her death is a significant loss for all who knew and loved her. Funeral service and burial will be held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, rural Belmond, IA on Sat., Feb 4 at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will precede the service at 12:00 P.M. A reception will follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial to honor Elnor's favorite church and mission organizations.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elnor Nelson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Elnor Nelson*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My mother, Esther Lykken (92 yrs young) sent the Roseni church bulletin which had the information of Elnor's passing. Over the years we have reminisced of the wonderful memories we had of your family. We loved having your father/mother as our pastor as well as your family associations with the boys coming over to our farm to play with my brothers. Both of your parents were a special blessing to the Roseni congregation. It was so great that they were in attendance at Roseni Church for the 125th anniversary. Our prayers & sympathy to all of you from the Lykken family.*

Karen Lykken Kratochvil - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Elnor's family. Aunt Elnor was a special aunt, who always cherished family connections and memories. Even as the youngest of many nieces and nephews, she kept in touch and track of our family. She wrote to our children and enjoyed hearing of their accomplishments and milestones. Most notably, she provided Madeline with the county fair, purple ribbon, Grand Champion recipe for Brunkake, a mouth-watering cookie we enjoy often. Madeline also used her writings to prepare an "A+" paper on her family history. Aunt Elnor, will be greatly missed and forever remembered. With our love and sympathy, Andrea, Mark, Madeline and Braden Scherting

Andrea Scherting - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM