



**Minnesota Valley Church
Celebration Of Life
Dorothy Marie Estad Erickson
March 13, 1919 – September 28, 2014
October 2, 2014**

Prelude **Lisa Gabbert**

Opening Prayer **Pastor Les Galland**

Hymn "How Great Thou Art" **510**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23:1-6
Psalm 32:1-11
Psalm 121:1-8
John 14: 1-6

Special Music "In Times Like These" **Jan Galland**

Reading of Obituary

Sharing of Remembrances **Alisha McGee - Granddaughter**

Message "I Am The Good Shepherd"
John 10:11-16 **Pastor Les Galland**

Hymn "At Calvary" **533**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude **Jan Galland**

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

After the service you are invited to the fellowship room for refreshments with the family.

Obituary

Dorothy Marie Elstad Erickson was born March 13, 1919, on the family farm in Greenvale Township, Dakota County, Minnesota, to Martin and Thyra (Petersen) Elstad. She was baptized at Hazelwood Danish Lutheran Church and confirmed at Christiania Lutheran Free Church (now Highview Christiania) in rural Farmington. She attended District 76 County School and graduated from Northfield High School in 1937. She attended Winona Teachers College, graduating in 1939. Her first teaching job was a country school near Lakeville and later a school at Sacred Heart, Minnesota, for 4th & 5th grades. She married Ralph Butzmann on February 13, 1944, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ralph was killed in action in July 1944 while serving in the US Army during WWII. After Ralph's death Dorothy taught one year in Elko and one year in Northfield. On September 26, 1948, Dorothy married Harvey J. Erickson at Christiania Lutheran Free. After marriage they lived in the Northfield area until moving to Lakeville in 1951. In 1977, they moved to Dorothy's home farm in Greenvale Township, and in 1987 into Northfield. Harvey passed away on January 13, 2008.

Dorothy was a longtime member of Minnesota Valley Church. She enjoyed visiting with people and one of her favorite pastimes was talking with family and friends on the phone. She was a fabulous cook and was still crocheting her wash cloths until a few months ago. She was kind, gentle, upbeat, and was always concerned about everyone else's well-being before her own.

Survivors include her children: Larry and wife Janine of Prior Lake, Sue and husband Chris Rasmussen of Prior Lake, David and wife Cindy of Isanti; 7 grandchildren: Andrea (David) Mohr, Lorrie (Jeff) Schuller, Alisha (Peter) McGee, Lisa (Jamie) Thurk, Heidi (Eric) Larson, Paul Dawson, Stephanie (Jamie) Walters; 14 great-grandchildren: Katelyn, Braden, Connor, Andrew, Nora Dorothy, Lauren, Natalie, Destiny, Tyler, Riley, Emily, Madeline, Sarah, James and Billy; sister-in-law Fran Erickson of Wisconsin; brother-in-law, Lyle (Mary) Goodspeed of Coon Rapids; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, her daughter Margaret Koch, her first husband Ralph Butzmann, her grandson Nathan Rasmussen, her sister Marion Mattson, and her brothers Bill and Kenneth Elstad.

Dorothy passed away Sunday morning, September 28, 2014, at the Three Links Care Center in Northfield, at the age of 95.

In Memory of

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(Survivors are listed on back of folder.)



Funeral Service

11:00 A.M.

Thursday, October 2, 2014
Minnesota Valley Church
Lakeville, Minnesota

Clergy

Rev. Les Galland

Music

Lisa Gabbert
Jan Galland

Pallbearers

Paul Dawson	Eric Larson	Peter McGee
David Mohr	Jeff Schuller	Jamie Thurk

Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Arrangements

Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Cremation
Northfield, Minnesota

Andy Langehough & Duane Benson, Funeral Directors

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