

Eleanor was born on March 26, 1925, in Thompson, Iowa, the daughter of Melvin and Alice (Stewart) Koestler. She grew up and received her education in Kerkhoven. On December 29, 1943, in Murdock, Minnesota, Eleanor was married to Vincent Toutges. They lived in the communities of Willmar, DeGraff, Gluek and Lake Lillian before returning to Willmar in 1975.

She was employed for many years as the Activities Director at the Willmar State Hospital. She was a member of the Church of St. Mary and was active with the Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed playing scrabble, puzzles, square dancing, riding bicycle, swimming, reading, gardening and bird watching. She also enjoyed typing letters to her family and friends for all occasions.

She is survived by seven children, Robert Toutges (Sandi Larson) of Moorhead, Ronald (Patricia) Toutges of Clarksville, TN., Mary Wilson of Plymouth, Daniel (Vivian) Toutges of Willmar, Anna Toutges (Felice Tempo) of Hopkins, Corine (Steve) Klaseus of Chaska and Greg (Julie) Toutges of Mukwonago, WI.; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren, besides other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vincent; one son, Arthur; two daughters, Donna and Norma and one granddaughter, Danielle.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Eleanor M. Toutges*

*1925 - 2022*



## *Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my Shepherd:*

*I shall not want...*

*He maketh me to lie down*

*in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul:*

*He leadeth me in the paths*

*of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley*

*of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;*

*Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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*The Toutges Family thanks you*

*for the many visits and acts of kindness shown to Eleanor.*

*A special thanks for the many thoughts and prayers,  
flowers, memorials given and attendance at this service.*

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*

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In Loving Memory Of

# *Eleanor M. Toutges*

March 26, 1925

Thompson, Iowa

July 9, 2022

Willmar, Minnesota

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

Thursday, July 28, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Church of St. Mary

Willmar, Minnesota

## **Celebrant**

Fr. Steve Verhelst

## **Music**

Pianist: Tim Cayler

St. Mary's Resurrection Choir

Prelude: "In The Garden" "Life Has Changed, Not Ended"

Opening Song: "Here I Am Lord"

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 121* - "I Lift Up My Eyes"

Preparation of the Gifts: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Communion: "Be Not Afraid"

Song of Farewell: "The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

Going Forth Song: "Canticle of the Sun"

## **Interment**

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota