

Ellen Marion Prchal was born July 11, 1930 in Hudson Township, MN, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Vacek) Prchal. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Ellen attended School District 94 through the eighth grade. As a young adult Ellen worked as a nanny and housekeeper for various people.

On September 26, 1949 Ellen was united in marriage to Rudy Zwieg at Zion Lutheran Church. The couple was blessed with three children, Joe, Mary Ellen and Audry. Ellen and Rudy lived on Lake Cowdry for a few years before purchasing a farm near Holmes City, MN. They ran that farm for eleven years before moving to a Hobby Farm. They lived on the hobby farm for the next seventeen years. Ellen and Rudy raised chickens, Ducks, vegetables and beautiful flowers.

Ellen's favorite interests were flower and vegetable gardening; she had an incredible green thumb! She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting for her grandchildren. Ellen and her sisters made many lap quilts for the VA. Ellen was an authentic Bohemian baker and enjoyed baking with her sisters, daughters and granddaughters. In recent years Ellen participated in the library club, quilting club and the funeral committee at Zion Lutheran Church

On Friday, November 24, 2017 Ellen died at the Golden Ridge Senior Assisted Living at the age of eighty-seven years. She is survived by her son, Joe Zwieg and wife, Karen, of Lowry, MN; daughters, Mary Ellen Olson of Alexandria and Audry Botzet and husband, Joe, of St. Louis Park, MN; grandchildren, Scott Olson of Alexandria, Bob Olson and wife, Jackie, of Alexandria, Joe Zwieg, Jr. and wife, Samantha, of Kensington, MN, Heidi Roers and husband, Bryan, of Valley Springs, SD and Amanda Zwieg of Dawson, MN, Stephanie Botzet of Minneapolis, MN, Hannah Botzet of Minneapolis and Kristin Botzet of Fort Collins, CO; great grandchildren, Spencer and Gavin Olson of Alexandria, Abby and Ashley Zwieg of Kensington, Hailey Rachel and Cody Roers of Valley Springs, SD; sister, Janet Decko and husband, Richard, of Alexandria; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy Zwieg; sisters, Margaret Prchal and Edna Zwieg; and son-in-law, Alan Olson.

In Memory of

Ellen Marion Zwig

July 11, 1930



November 24, 2017



God hath not promised
*skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...*

Funeral Service

Zion Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, November 27, 2017
11:30 AM

Officiant

Reverend Geoff Gronewold

Musicians

Mertice Brueske

Casket Bearers

Joe Zwig, Jr.

Heidi Roers

Amanda Zwig

Scott Olson

Bob Olson

Stephanie Botzet

Hannah Botzet

Kristin Botzet

Honorary Casket Bearers

All of Ellen's Caregivers from
Golden Ridge Assisted Living

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

