

In Memory of  
**Erma Ruth McDonald**  
Neligh, Nebraska

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I have finished the race.  
I have kept the faith.  
Now there is in store for me  
the crown of righteousness which the Lord,  
the righteous judge,  
will award to me on that day.**

~ Paul's second Letter to Timothy

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~ Erma's family

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**Date of Death**  
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Norfolk, Nebraska

**Funeral Service**  
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ Tilden, Nebraska  
Rev. Chad Boggs ~ Officiating

**Pallbearers**  
Nathaniel Holland Patrick Koenig Matthew Kester  
Daniel McDonald Dale McDonald  
Nicholas Kocian Cole McDonald Seth McDonald

**Interment**  
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