

Elaine was born September 19, 1923 in Lidgerwood, ND to Oscar and Clara Lentz. She was the oldest of five children. Elaine was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Country Church of Lidgerwood. She attended rural schools, graduating from Lidgerwood High School in 1942. During WWII she worked in Minneapolis. On June 28, 1944 she was united in marriage to Walter Tisch. They farmed outside of Lidgerwood and raised four daughters. In 1966, Elaine graduated with a B.S. in Education from Northern State College, Aberdeen, SD. She taught public school in Lidgerwood and finished her education career as a guidance counselor for eight years at the Wahpeton, ND Indian School.

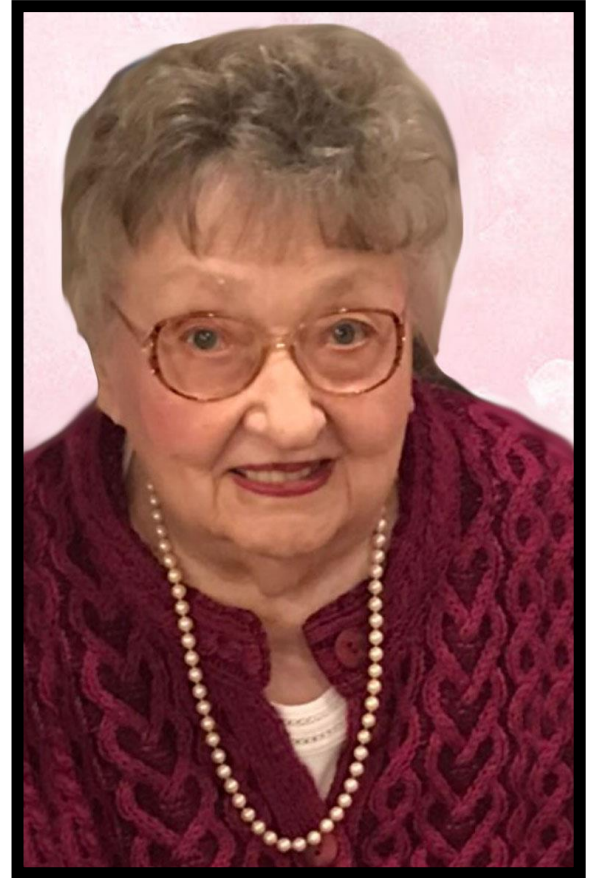
In October 1979, Elaine and Walter sold their farm and retired on Lake Brophy in Alexandria, MN. Elaine actively volunteered serving her community at Knute Nelson, reading to the blind, helping with prison ministry, and many various causes. In 2009, Elaine was honored with the Douglas County Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year award, winning a trip to the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul.

Above all her volunteering, her passion was serving at her church, Zion Lutheran in Alexandria. Elaine's greatest treasure was her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You could count on her reading her daily devotions and praying. Elaine lived a favorite saying, "JOY—Jesus first, Others second, Yourself third." She was the family matriarch and the "911 grandma" whom all the grandchildren confided in, due to her wisdom and advice cultivated from her years as a guidance counselor.

On Monday, December 2nd, 2019, at the wise and seasoned age of 96 years old, Elaine passed away, surrounded by her loving family, at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Clara Lentz; loving husband of 58 years, Walter; brothers, Herman and Kenneth Lentz; infant sister, Johanna Lentz, and sons-in-law, John Brackin, Bruce Howick, and many other loved ones.

Elaine leaves behind four daughters, Claudette Howick of Federal Dam, MN, Paulette Brackin of Brainerd, MN, Carol (Arnie) Novotny of Mesa, AZ, and Beth (Gary) Bohannon of Alexandria, MN; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister, Lucille Cruickshank of Sheridan, OR; sister-in-law, Phyllis Lentz of Lidgerwood, ND, and many nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory



Elaine P. Tisch

1923 ~ 2019

In Memory of

Elaine Paulina Tisch

September 19, 1923



December 2, 2019

Funeral Service

Zion Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, December 9, 2019

11:30 AM

Officiant

Pastor Don Wilke

Organist

Mertice Brueske

Soloist

Dan Olson

Casket Bearers

Shane Novotny Greg Howick

Ben Bohannon Zach Howick

Brian Cuffel Richard Lays

Honorary Casket Bearers

All of Elaine's lifelong friends

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff--they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*