

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Memory of
**Evangeline G.
Ekdahl**

July 20, 1924



October 18, 2017

Funeral Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Mon. October 23, 2017
11:00 AM



Officiant
Reverend Hans Dahl

Pianist
Kim Byrne

Casket Bearers

Riley Doty
Dean Schliek
Zach Johnson

Bryce Doty
David Schliek
Tom Schroeder

Honorary Casket Bearers
Evangeline's Grandchildren
Great-Grandchildren
and Great-Great-Grandson

Interment
Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota



Evangeline Genevieve (Nelson) Ekdahl was born on July 20, 1924, in Benson, Minnesota to Albin and Minda (Evenson) Nelson the oldest of five children. She was confirmed at Fahlun Lutheran Church in rural Nelson. Evangeline helped raise her younger siblings, and later started working at Garden Center. In her early 20's she worked at Pederson Drug Store which she really enjoyed.

Evangeline met John Ekdahl Jr. at the Hillside Club while they were dancing. The couple was united in marriage on September 19, 1948, at Fahlun Lutheran Church in rural Nelson. The couple bought a farm on Lake Louise where they farmed. Evangeline had a very large garden and canned everything. In 1976, they sold the farm and kept the lakeshore where they built a home. They lived on the lake until 1991, and spent their winters in Arizona for 16 years.

Evangeline loved providing for her family, and was very Scandinavian, loved lutefisk and making lefsa. She also helped with the Calvary Lutheran Church's smorgasbord and worked as the chair for 3 years. Evangeline and John enjoyed going dancing on Sat nights. She also enjoyed playing cards and hosting card parties. She will be remembered by her children as a generous, kind, gentle mother who had a lot of patience.

Evangeline died on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at Bethany Home in Alexandria at the age of 93. She is survived by her daughters, Vicki (David) Schliek of Baxter, and Joni (Tom) Schroeder of Alexandria; sons, Robert (Vicki) Ekdahl of Alexandria, and Bradley (Annette) Ekdahl of Alexandria; grandchildren, Trisha (Stacy) Doty, Corrie (David) Jeremiason, Dean (Cassie) Schliek; thirteen great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandson, Ripley Johnson; sister, JoAnne Marxen of Detroit Lakes; and sister-in-law, Alice Nelson of Circle Pines, MN; and many nieces and nephews. Evangeline is preceded in death by her parents, Albin and Minda; husband, John Jr.; brother, Roger Nelson and infant brother, Donald Nelson; and sister, Eunice Lesmeister.