

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Lou Ella Mae Eystad

APRIL 10, 1935 – OCTOBER 24, 2022



Services At:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church — Morris, Minnesota
Monday — October 31, 2022 — 10:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Michael Hanson

Musician:

Shirley Hanson

Soloist:

Sonny Bartells

Spring Interment:

Frog Lake Cemetery
Rural Alberta, Minnesota

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 & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23



LouElla Mae (Ruff) Eystad, daughter of Gregory and Delia (Alm) Ruff, was born on April 10, 1935 in Donnelly, MN. Lou attended Donnelly Grade School, Alberta and Morris Public School, graduating in 1953. Prior to graduation from high school, Lou met the love of her life, James Eystad and married him on January 17, 1954 in Pittsburg, CA. Following marriage, they moved to Albuquerque, NM where Lou worked at the Woolworth Store. In 1956, they moved to Antioch, CA where they lived for 35 years. In 1991, after retiring, they moved back to Minnesota and lived on Red Rock Lake and also in Donnelly.

Lou's favorite pastimes were cooking, taking care of her dogs, crossword puzzles, and tending to her flower garden. She loved her lake home and especially enjoyed the many summers when John and his family would visit. 4 generations of Ruffs under one roof. Lou and Jim were given the Pay It Forward Award in 2014 for their many tireless hours of contributions made to the Morris community. They volunteered at the Salvation Army, ARC, Meals on Wheels, St. John's Church, Good Shepherd Church, NAPS Program and Morris Senior Center. Lou and Jim also liked to make time to stop and visit with everyone. They made many trips to the Villa of St. Francis, the hospital and hospice in Morris. Their red Cadillac with the 2 LOONS license plate could always be spotted around Morris.

Lou passed away Monday, October 24, 2022 at Barrett Care Center. She was 87 years old.

She is survived by brother: John Ruff of Denison, TX and four nieces: Debbie (Craig) Gocke, Sheryl Thornton, Shawna Ruff, and Robin (Daniel) Bushman; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and great-great-nieces and a great-great-nephew; numerous cousins; her "adopted daughters": Rita Kaiser and Colleen Dogotch, and their husbands: Pete Kaiser and Tom Dogotch; and a special "granddaughter": Karina Johnson. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 67 years, James August Eystad; her parents; brother: Duane Ruff; sister-in-law: Eileen Ruff; sister-in-law: Shirley Dryden; and sister-in-law: Betty Eckhart.

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