

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away,  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



## *In Loving Memory*



***Elsie Thielvoldt***

*April 15, 1925 ~ November 20, 2023*

Elsie Leny Thielvoldt was born April 15, 1925, to Henry and Anna (Gelderman) Ranschau in Rock Valley, Iowa. She graduated from Rock Valley High School in 1943. She attended the summer session at Le Mars College and taught school in Lyon County.

On December 14, 1946, Elsie married Glen Thielvoldt at Peace Lutheran Church in rural Sioux Center. They moved north-east of Alvor, Iowa where they farmed for many years. Glen passed away on September 27, 1989. Elsie later moved into town in Alvor where she lived until needing hospice care for the last two weeks of her life.

Elsie was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Alvor. She was active in circle and taught Sunday school for many years as well as serving on the church council as secretary.

She enjoyed sewing, crafts, Hardanger embroidery, and traveling with family and friends. She loved playing cards and tile rummy and occasionally would let us win. She also enjoyed hosting “Nana’s Day” every Saturday morning at her house for her children and grandchildren.

Elsie died Monday, November 20, 2023, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley. She is survived by three sons, Dennis (Irene) of Alvor, Dean of Dickinson, Texas, and Alan (Sandie) of Rock Valley; one daughter, Jean (Paul) Schlotfeldt of Alvor; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; two sisters, Rose Grossenburg of Winner, South Dakota and Elaine (Jim) Luce of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and sister-in-law, Mae Ranschau of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen; her parents, Henry and Anna; six brothers, Ted (Irene) Ranschau, Henry (Helen) Ranschau, Frank (Virginia) Ranschau, Carl (Nora) Ranschau, Rich (Jane) Ranschau and Marvin Ranschau; three sisters, Ann (Lee) Hass, Martha (Albert) Baatz and Lillian (John) Rielly; daughter-in-law, Diva Thielvoldt; great grandson, Ethan Schacht; brother-in-law, Rodney Grossenburg; and sister-in-law, Helen (Ed) Hein.

## *Remembering the Life of Elsie Leny Thielvoldt*

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### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:30 AM, Monday, November 27, 2023

Faith Reformed Church

Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Mike Molenaar

Chris Van Beek

### **PIANIST**

Vicky Kooistra

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*“In the Garden”*

*“Amazing Grace”*

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Kent Schacht ~ Jesse Rose

Jon Peterson ~ Nathan Thielvoldt

Conner Peterson ~ Evan Rose ~ Pete Roberts

### **INTERMENT**

Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery

Alvor, Iowa

*Elsie’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church family life center immediately following the service.*