



### *We'll Meet Again Someday*

*In a quiet hillside graveyard  
Where the gentle breezes blow,  
Lies the one I love so dearly  
I lost so many years ago.*

*Your resting place I visit  
And put flowers with care.  
No one knows the heartaches  
When I turn to leave you there.*

*My heart still aches with sadness  
And secret tears still flow.  
Oh, what it meant to lose you,  
No one will ever know.*

*They say time heals all sorrows  
And helps one to forget,  
But time so far has only proved  
How much I love you yet.*

*Each time I see your picture,  
You seem to smile and say,  
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping.  
We'll meet again someday."*

*- W. B. Graham*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Elda Ella Rosina Schmidt*

WHO WAS BORN

March 24, 1928

Big Stone City, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 2, 2024

Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Zachary Voss

MUSICIAN

Paul Hamann

CASKET BEARERS

Bill Lieb | Travis Lieb | Sean Athey

Kirby Athey | David Webster

Cheryl Pocklington | Patrick Dwyer | Ryan Dwyer

Sarah Wollschlager | Mike Graham

HONORARY BEARERS

Trinity Lutheran Church Altar Guild

All Of The Kids Cared For By Elda

INTERMENT

Mound Cemetery

Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Elda's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
Following the graveside service, please join the family for  
a time of food and fellowship in the church dining room.

*Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota*



**E**lda Ella Rosina (Hamann) Schmidt was born on March 24, 1928, on the family farm south of Big Stone City, SD, to W. C. and Meta (Kohler) Hamann. She was baptized on April 8, 1928, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Big Stone City. Elda was confirmed into her faith at St. John's on July 6, 1941. She was raised on the family farm and attended country school before attending Ortonville High School.

On April 18, 1954, Elda was united in marriage with Martin F. Schmidt at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN. She joined Martin on the Schmidt Family Farm where she made her home for the next 57 years. Together, Elda and Martin raised four daughters on their cherished farm. In 2011, Elda sold the farm and moved into her apartment in Ortonville. In June of 2024, she moved to Legacy Assisted Living in Clinton, MN.

Working at Electric Maid Bakery in Ortonville for 20 years, Elda demonstrated her talents as a baker and cake decorator. Baking wasn't just something she did, it was a part of her everyday life. There was always fresh baked cookies or bars to be had in her home. Her beautifully decorated cakes were well known to Elda's family and friends.

A devoted mother and nurturer, Elda was most remembered for her years as a day care provider. She opened her home to more than 60 children in a career that spanned over 30 years. Elda and Martin served as foster parents for 10 years. They were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Social Services Association for foster childcare in 1976.

Church and faith were important to Elda. She was a proud member of Trinity Lutheran Church Altar Guild in Ortonville for over 70 years. Elda joined the church with her mother before she was married. She also served the church as a Sunday School teacher.

Elda had a wide variety of interests that kept her busy: sewing, quilting, and crocheting. She crocheted approximately 1,700 caps that were generously donated to the Orphan Grain Train, the Salvation Army, and many other organizations. While living in the country, Elda cultivated a large garden filled with vibrant flowers and Hosta plants that brightened the landscape. She was always ready for a game of cards with friends or to sit and put a jigsaw puzzle together.

Left to cherish Elda's memory are her daughters: Nancy Cordell of Manchester, NH; Linda (John) Dornon of Jerusalem, OH; Lisa Schmidt of Aberdeen, SD; and Lynn Wettstone of Richmond, VA; seven grandchildren: Samira Cordell, Anthony Cordell, Jamison Cordell, Ethan Dornon, Erin Wettstone, Brian Wettstone, and Melissa Gerads; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews: Darcy, Paul, Timothy, and Jarrod; sister-in-law, Bonnie Hamann; many beloved cousins; special friends: Betty Reinke, Phyllis Lieb, and Charlotte Athey; along with all of her altar guild members and daycare kids.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Martin, in 2004; her parents; brothers: Arthur (Marlys) Hamann, Marvin Hamann, and Lorange "Harry" Hamann; nephew, Blaine Hamann; and niece, Nancy Jane Hamann.



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