

Celebrating the Life of

Elaine Sophia Wothe was born on February 3, 1945, in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Aho) Karppinen. She grew up near Toad Lake and graduated from Frazee High School in 1963. She attended Wadena Technical College and then began working as a secretary. On August 16, 1968, Elaine was united in marriage to Bruce Wothe. They lived in Detroit Lakes and the Twin Cities prior to moving to the Atwater community in 1974. Elaine enjoyed her life as a stay-at-home mom and homemaker. Later, she worked as a secretary at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Atwater and provided childcare for friends' children and her grandchildren. She enjoyed sewing, taking pictures, traveling (especially to the family farm up north and their yearly winter trips to Texas) and being with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Elaine will be remembered for her strong faith, undying love and devotion to her husband Bruce, and for her love for her family. Children truly brought her joy; her dream always was to be a mother. While she loved being a mom, she was overjoyed to be a grandma and great grandma.

Elaine passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Tuesday, September 23, at Ecumen of Litchfield at the age of 80.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bruce; three children, Lissa (and Mark) Borchert of Grove City, Steven (and Robin) Wothe of Atwater and Susan (and Dominic) Popowski of Maynard; fourteen grandchildren, Miranda & (Mark) Johnson, Erica Borchert, Carson Borchert, Hunter Gronli, Brooke Gronli, Trey Wothe, Brandon Wothe, Bella Wothe, Adrion Wothe, Marshall Wothe, Dominique Popowski, Ladislia Popowski, Henry Popowski, Bob Popowski and one great granddaughter, Nora Sophia Johnson. Also surviving is one brother, besides many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Milton.



Elaine S. Wothe

1945 — 2025

Twenty-Third Psalm

*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 and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Celebrating A Life Remembered*

In Loving Memory Of

Elaine S. Wothe

February 3, 1945

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

September 23, 2025

Litchfield, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Atwater, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Christa Forsythe

Music

Pianist: Mary Gruis

Vocalist: Megan Morrison

Casketbearers

Elaine's Beloved Grandchildren

Interment

Monday, October 6, 2025 - 12 noon

Wolf Lake Cemetery

Wolf Lake, Minnesota