

Ellen Yvonne "Vonnie" Ottoson, of Greeley, Colorado went home to be with her Lord and Savior July 1, 2026, after a long battle with dementia. She was born February 5, 1938, in Madill, Oklahoma to Floyd O. Story and Helen M. (Still) Story.

Vonnie attended schools in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado. She graduated from Sterling, Colorado in 1956. Vonnie was active in Pep Club, choir, band and cheerleading.

After graduating high school, Vonnie moved to Greeley to attend Cosmetology School. While in school, a fellow classmate introduced her to the love of her life, Lynn.

They soon got married and moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where Lynn was serving in the Army. When Lynn was discharged, they returned to Eaton, Colorado, where Lynn started farming and they started their family. Their son, David, was born and four years later a daughter, Tammy.

Vonnie's love for the Lord also led her to be very active in church. She was a Sunday School teacher, sang in the choir as well as being in a trio, and became very involved with Christian Women's club. She loved teaching God's Word and being a leader in women's ministries. She was always praying for her family and friends and those in need.

Vonnie was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She dearly enjoyed the times spent with her family. There were precious times around food and laughter. Lynn and Vonnie spent 68 years together in marriage and have left a wonderful legacy for their family.

She is survived by her husband, Lynn of Greeley; a son, David (Shari) Ottoson, of Eaton; a daughter, Tammy (Greg) Roth, of Greeley; grandchildren, Jessica Roth of Greeley, Lindsey (Nathan) Seils of Greeley, Trent (Dani) Ottoson of Parker, Mitchell (Darcy) Ottoson of Parker, and Aubrey Ottoson of Greeley; great-grandchildren, Peyton and Greyson Ottoson, Matthew Seils, and Ellie, Beckham and Emma Ottoson; a sister, Sharyle Johnson of Hinton, Oklahoma; a brother, Mike (Dee) Story of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; and many other extended family members.

The family would also like to thank Dee Pfeleiderer and Norma Quinonez for their loving caregiving and Pathways Hospice for all their support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vonnie's name to the Evangelical Free Church of Eaton; Samaritan's Purse, <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/donate-online/>; or to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, [IFCJ.org](https://www.ifcj.org).



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Ellen Yvonne "Vonnie" Ottoson
February 5, 1938 - July 1, 2026



In Loving Memory of
Ellen Yvonne "Vonnie" Ottoson

February 5, 1938 ~ July 1, 2026

Celebration of Life

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Evangelical Free Church of Eaton

Eaton, Colorado

Officiating

Rev. Craig Kirpatrick

Musicians

The Evangelical Free Church Quintet

Accompanist: Mrs. Zoey Griffin

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"

Special Music

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Tribute Video

Special Photo Memories of Vonnie's Life

Honorary Pallbearers

Trent Ottoson

Nathan Seils

Mitchell Ottoson

Greyson Ottoson

Matthew Seils

Beckham Ottoson

Final Resting Place

Eaton Cemetery

Eaton, Colorado

Be strong & courageous.



Do not be afraid or terrified
because of them,

*for the
Lord your God*

goes with you;

*He will never leave you
nor forsake you.*



Deuteronomy 31:6



*Family and friends are invited to remain at the church for
a light meal and fellowship immediately following the services for Vonnie.*