

Eva Josephine Butzin was born on April 6, 1928, on the family farm near Altamont, SD, to Paul and Augusta (Lempke) Butzin. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church near Revillo, SD, and later was rebaptized at Calvary Church in Milbank. She attended a rural country school south of Revillo through the seventh grade.



As a young woman, Eva moved to Indiana for a short time before returning to South Dakota, where she worked cleaning homes and at St. Bernard Hospital. On May 22, 1946, she was united in marriage to Elgie Peiker at St. John's Lutheran Church in Revillo. They were blessed with five children: Patricia, Eugene, David, Sharon, and Daniel. The family lived in Revillo before moving to Milbank in 1964.

Following Elgie's passing in 1989, Eva moved to Oregon, where she made her home for 30 years. During that time, she married John Madison and later John Seliger. She lived with Pat and Bob Jacobson for 10 years. In 2014, she returned to South Dakota and lived with her daughter, Sharon. In January 2025, Eva entered St. William's Care Center. Eva enjoyed sewing, embroidering dish towels, and quilting in her earlier years. She later spent many hours doing puzzles, watching Dr. Pol's animal programs, and observing birds. A talented baker, Eva especially loved making pies. Above all, she was a warm, social person who cherished time with people, especially her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Patricia "Pat" (Bob) Jacobson of Albany, OR; David (Joann) Peiker of Milbank, SD; Sharon Ehlebracht of Milbank, SD; and Daniel (Shannon) Peiker of Milbank, SD; 11 grandchildren: Wayne Jacobson of Albany, OR; Brian Jacobson of Albany, OR; Chris (Tish) Jacobson of Albany, OR; Jeanna Leddy of Milbank, SD; Heather (Shawn Richardt) of Milbank, SD; Angel Peiker of Milbank, SD; Shawn (Kim Bjerke) Ehlebracht of Milbank, SD; Darcie (Matt) O'Farrell of Marvin, SD; Robin (Matt Cameron) of Wilmot, SD; Shane (Allison) Peiker of Milbank, SD; and Megan (Sam) Athey of Milbank, SD; 18 great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Paul and Augusta Butzin; late husbands: Elgie Peiker, John Madison, and John Seliger; son, Eugene Peiker; six siblings: Herbert "Herb" Butzin, Ervin Butzin, Freda Smith, Ella Peiker, Lulla Parker, and Rozella Butzin, and son-in-law, Jerry "Larry" Ehlebracht.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Eva Peiken Seligen

WHO WAS BORN

April 6, 1928
Altamont, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

November 30, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 8, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Daniel Lopez

MUSICIANS

Dusti Johnson, Vocalist
Dan Lindholm, Keyboard

EULOGY

Darcie O'Farrell

READER

Desiree O'Farrell

SPECIAL SONGS

"Amazing Grace" | "In The Garden"
"Jesus Loves Me" | "On Eagle's Wings"

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

Matt O'Farrell | Devon O'Farrell | Shane Peiker
Shawn Ehlebracht | Landon Nelson | Carter Leddy

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Beloved Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren,
& Great-Great Grandchildren

BURIAL

Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Eva'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 fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining room.

After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.*

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