

*Two smiling eyes are sleeping,
Two busy hands are still.
The one we love so deeply
Is resting at God's will.
May she always walk in sunshine;
God's love around her glow.
For all the happiness she gave us,
Only a few will ever know.
It broke our hearts to lose her,
But she did not go alone.
For part of us went with her*



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Dolores Elaine Danielson

JULY 1, 1931–DECEMBER 7, 2025

Services At:

East Zion Lutheran Church - Starbuck, MN
Friday - December 19, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Steve Carmany

Musician:

Karen Mitteness

Readers

Dolores's Beloved Granddaughter's
Erika Burggraff, Shana Marcuson
Danielle Mikkelson, Alyssa Greve

Urn Bearers:

Dolores's Adored Grandsons
Brady Danielson, Cory Danielson

Inurnment:

East Zion Lutheran Cemetery
Starbuck, MN

To be held at a later date in the Spring

Dolores Elaine Danielson was born to Esther (Mattson) and Joseph Christianson at the Roseau Hospital on July 1, 1931. She grew up on the family farm near Badger, where she attended Badger Public School, graduating in 1949. While in high school, she was also active in church and 4-H activities. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where she graduated in 1953 with a BA degree in Home Economics, Biology and Education. After graduation, she taught home economics at the Park Rapids Public Schools. While there, she learned of several openings in the Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service. Thus, she and several friends headed to West Central, MN. Swift County had an opening and she worked with the 4-H clubs out of Benson. The county had an active extension program including a rural youth club. They enjoyed many activities: softball, square dancing, roller skating, bowling, etc. It was at the bowling alley where she met this interesting fellow, Raynold Danielson. They dated, enjoying many of the rural youth activities. Dolores and Ray were married on July 14, 1956 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Badger, MN and came back to Starbuck to join in the farming operation. She worked in Benson for a while, before they purchased the family farm and became full time farmers, raising hogs and operating a dairy. Together, they raised two children, Corinne and Eric. First and foremost, Dolores was a homemaker, a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She enjoyed her family and their activities.

She was active in East Zion Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School, VBS, and was busy in the women's groups. She enjoyed people and volunteered with other groups in Starbuck. Among them were the Minnewaska Hospital Auxiliary, the Lutheran Home Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Bits and Pieces Quilt Groups and locally, the Midway 4-H Club. With their farming operations, they were able to fit in some golf, downhill skiing, bowling and fishing. Canada and Jan Lake was a favorite. Special travel trips were a road trip to California to visit her dad's sister. This was in 1936, Dolores was 5 years old and remembers the trip. Another fun family trip was a camping trip on the Alcan Highway to Anchorage, Alaska. There were two station wagons, eleven travelers and camping gear. They were there to wish dad's sister and husband a "Happy 50th" Anniversary. Being blessed with a great retirement, Dolores and Ray traveled to many places, fishing in Canada, and wintering in Harlington, Texas.

Dolores died late on Saturday night, December 7, 2025, at Stevens Community Medical Center in Morris; she was 94 years old.

She is survived by her children, Corinne (Kevin) Dahl, of Willmar, MN, and Eric (Mary) Danielson, of Starbuck; foster daughter, Donna (Ron) Robinson, of Glenwood; one sister, Sonia Foster, of Roseau; brother, Jim (Carol) Christianson, of Warroad; sister-in-law, Paulette Christianson, of Badger; six grandchildren: Erika (Mathias) Burggraff, of St. Joseph, Shana (Colin) Marcuson, of St. Cloud, Danielle (Jonathan) Mikkelsen, of Willmar, Alyssa (Tim) Greve, of Bloomington. Brady (Grace) Danielson, of St. Joseph, and Cory (Kelsey) Danielson of Hancock; eleven great-grandchildren: Quinn, Lainey, Miles, Mikko, Ella, Cora, Jasper, Leo, Finley, Wren, and Josie; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Raynold Danielson; her parents; sister, Joyce Kringlund; brother, David "Pete" Christianson, and brothers-in-law, Don Kringlund and George Foster.



Please use this QR Code to access Dolores's online guestbook to leave messages of condolence.



In Loving Memory
Dolores Elaine Danielson
1931—2025



*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
 He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
 He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I 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 my enemies;
 Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
 All the days of my life;
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*