



Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Edna Vivian Ernst

OCTOBER 8, 1929 – AUGUST 3, 2026

Services At:

Morris Evangelical Free Church

Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.

Processional.....What A Day That Will Be

When We All Get To Heaven

Welcome.....Pastor Ed Anderson

Scripture.....Pastor Ed Anderson

Prayer.....Pastor Ed Anderson

Video Tribute.....Ernst 50th Anniversary

Eulogy.....Nancy Wilkerson

Song.....Safe In The Arms of Jesus

Message.....Pastor Ed Anderson

Song.....Where The Soul Never Dies

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Ed Anderson

Recessional.....When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Officiating Clergy: Pastor Ed Anderson

Eulogy: Nancy Wilkerson

Pallbearers:

William Wilkerson, Alex Wilkerson, Robb Benson-Ernst

Josh Lemke, Logan Self, Brian Wehking

Interment:

Summit Cemetery, Morris, Minnesota

Blessed

be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant

Mercy

hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled
and that fadeth not away, reserved in

*Heaven
for you.*

1 Peter 1: 3-4

Edna Vivian Alver was born on October 8, 1929 to William and Charlotte (Wells) Alver in Elgin, ND. She grew up on the family farm first in Elgin, ND and later in 1935 when they moved to a farm in Stevens County Minnesota. In her early years she attended country school and later graduated from Alberta High School.

On November 3, 1953 Edna was united in marriage to Wesley Ernst Jr at the Alberta Church of the Nazarene. Together they raised three children and worked their farm raising crops, cattle, and horses. Edna and Wes shared a devoted partnership through the years; she was a loving and supportive spouse working tirelessly on the farm and raising their family. Edna's best and favorite times were taking care of and spending time with her family. She was a wonderful cook, well known for her pie baking skills. Many of her recipes are still enjoyed by the family today. Wes and Edna retired from farming in 1992; however, Edna was able to remain living on the farm until she was 90 years old.

Edna passed away on Monday August 3, 2026 at the age of 96 while living at Shawnee PARC in Overland Park, KS.

She is survived by her daughters Valerie (Lynn) Lemke of Nixa, MO and Nancy (Tim) Wilkerson of Merriam, KS; her daughter-in-law Bev Benson of Plymouth, MN; six grandchildren, Joshua Lemke, Rebecca (Logan) Self, William Wilkerson, Alexander Wilkerson, Robb Benson-Ernst, and Elizabeth Benson-Ernst; and a great granddaughter, Addison Self.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wesley Ernst; her son Douglas Ernst; a granddaughter Heidi Ernst; her parents William and Charlotte Alver; and her siblings, Doris Grabil, Don (Jane) Alver, and Gene Alver.



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Edna's online guestbook and tribute video.

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Funeral & Cremation Service

