 Elsie A. Saathoff, age 81, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa died March 28, 2012 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Elsie Alice Davis, the daughter of Gilbert L. and Regina M (Hoyer) Davis, was born in Manson, Iowa on April 8, 1930. She lived her youth in Manson and was a 1948 graduate of the Manson High School. Elsie was baptized in 1930 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dayton, Iowa and was later confirmed at St. Paul's American Lutheran Church in Manson in 1945.

On November 5, 1948, Elsie was united in marriage to Donald G. Saathoff at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manson. Together, they were blessed with eight children: Larry, Linda, Julie, Janet, Susan, Dale, Nancy, and Rodney. Throughout their married lifetime, Elsie and Don have resided in the communities of Fort Dodge, Manson, Clarion, Woolstock, Rockwell City, Plover and then came to make their home in Sioux Rapids in 1974. Elsie had been employed as a factory work, a nurse's aide, a home health care aide, and a custodian.

Elsie was an active member of the First Lutheran Church of Sioux Rapids where she had served on the Church Council, Altar Guild, and was a member of the WELCA. Gardening was a special passion of Elsie's along with baking. Her family was the loving focus of her life and she cherished the times she could spend with all of them, especially playing with and reading to her grandchildren. Elsie will also be remembered by her family and friends as the best letter writer ever.

Elsie's life will always be honored and cherished by her family which include her husband of 63 years, Don Saathoff of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; children: Linda Saathoff of Pocahontas, Iowa; Julie (David) Waterman of Alta, Iowa; Janet (Carlos) Ledezma of Storm Lake, Iowa; Susan (Don) Krueger of Aurelia, Iowa; Dale (Debra) Saathoff of Peterson, Iowa; Nancy (Glenn) Wynia of Sioux Center, Iowa; Rodney Saathoff of Linn Grove, Iowa; 21 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; three sisters: Lois Porth of Ankeny, Iowa; Norma (John) Jacobs of Manson, Iowa; Anna (Harry) Kraft of New York Mills, Minnesota; other extended family and her many friends.

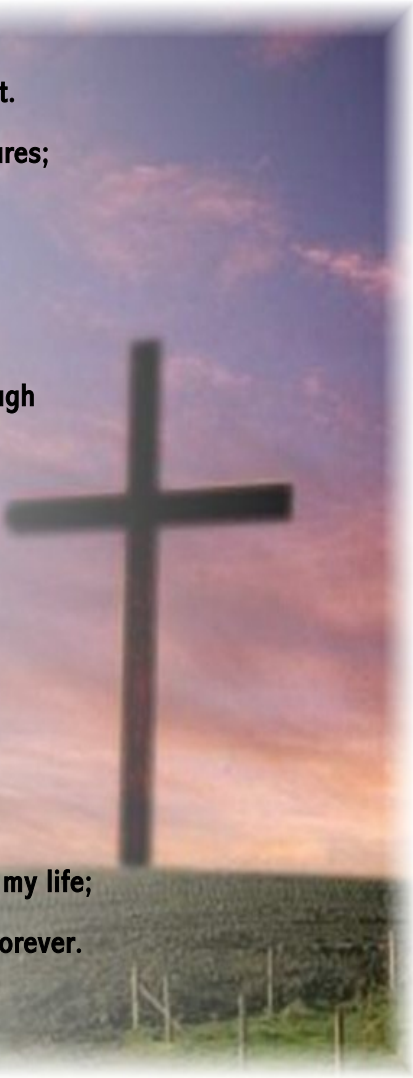
She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Larry; granddaughter, Stacy; and a sister, Ruby Brown.

## In Loving Memory



**Elsie Alice Saathoff**

**1930 — 2012**



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside 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.

— Psalm 23

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**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

— The Family of Elsie A. Saathoff

## IN MEMORY OF Elsie Alice Saathoff

April 8, 1930 — March 28, 2012

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, April 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

### CLERGY

Pastor Tonna Parsons

### ORGANIST

Phyllis Landsness

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Jesus Loves Me”

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

“You Have Come Down To the Lakeshore”

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Bruce Brown, Matthew Saathoff, Austin Saathoff

### CASKET BEARERS

Greg Schoon, Jason Halder

Tyler Saathoff, Chance Saathoff, Corbin Saathoff

### INTERMENT

At a Later Date

Lone Tree Cemetery — Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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