

Eleanor Gilmore, age 94, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa and formerly of Linn Grove, Iowa died November 16, 2011 at the Sioux Care Center in Sioux Rapids.

Eleanor Olson, the daughter of Henry and Emma (Johnson) Olson, was born on a farm near Greenville, Iowa on January 3, 1917. She lived her youth in the Sioux Rapids area and was a graduate of the Sioux Rapids High School. Following her graduation, Eleanor worked as a telephone operator in Sioux Rapids and Spencer.

On March 15, 1940, Eleanor was united in marriage to Arlo Gilmore at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Together, this couple was blessed with three sons: Dick, Charles, and Gary. The first years of their married life were spent farming in the Rembrandt, Marathon, and Webb vicinities. In 1950, they moved to their rural Sioux Rapids farm home where Eleanor resided until she became a resident of the Sioux Care Center in 2004.



Eleanor was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids and the First Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. Eleanor was blessed with the gift of music and being able to play the piano by ear. She used that special talent throughout her lifetime to bring enjoyment to many people. Eleanor was proud of her Norwegian heritage and she will be remembered as the last of that special era. Also, Eleanor's family was a focal point of her life and she cherished the times she could spend with them, especially her grandchildren.

Eleanor will always hold a very special place in the hearts of her family which include her three sons: Dick (Connie) Gilmore of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Charles (Toni) Gilmore of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Gary (Mel) Gilmore of Spencer, Iowa; many grandchildren; great grandchildren; other extended family and her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arlo on November 11, 2010; two sisters, Leota Wellmerling and Dorothy Johnson; and three brothers: Art, Elmer, and Wilmer.

Eleanor's family would like to gratefully acknowledge the loving care given to Eleanor while she made her home at the Sioux Care Center. They also appreciate the friendship of the residents that she enjoyed so very much. A thank you to the Riverside Church Praise Team and also, a very special thank you to Pastor Tonna Parsons and Pastor Michael Lopp for their kindness and comforting words during this time.

Blessed be the memory of Eleanor Gilmore.

In Loving Memory



Eleanor Gilmore

1917 — 2011

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



We 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 burial.

— The Family of Eleanor Gilmore

IN MEMORY OF Eleanor Gilmore

January 3, 1917 — November 16, 2011

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Tonna Parsons
Pastor Michael Lopp

ORGANIST

Phyllis Landsness

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“In The Garden”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Riverside Church Praise Team in Linn Grove

CASKET BEARERS

Cody Gilmore, Mason Drefke, Aaron Lopp
Adam Cox, Austin Mitchell, Tony Borkowski

INTERMENT

Lone Tree Cemetery
Sioux Rapids, Iowa



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