



Elaine Ehlers

August 30, 1918 - October 6, 2016

PIERCE — Services for Elaine Ehlers, 98, of Norfolk, formerly of Pierce, will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Pierce with the Rev. Lucas Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Zion East Lutheran Cemetery in rural Hoskins.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce. She died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Norfolk. Memorials are directed to St. John's Lutheran Church in Pierce and Zion East Lutheran Cemetery in rural Hoskins.

Elaine (Herbolsheimer) Ehlers, daughter of Henry and Meta (Koehler) Herbolsheimer, was born on Aug. 30, 1918, near Pierce. She was the oldest of seven children: Myron, Darrell, Lowell, Dale, Delilah and Donrel. Elaine was baptized on Sept. 15, 1918, and confirmed on March 29, 1931, at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Pierce.

She attended Pierce County School District 64 and St. John's Lutheran School through the eighth grade. She worked on her parents' farm during the early years of the depression and as a nanny in Norfolk during her later teen years.

Elaine married George Ehlers on Sept. 15, 1940, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Elaine and George were blessed with two children, Gerald and LaJean. They made their home on a farm about 10 miles east of Pierce until Elaine's husband passed away in 1975.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church east of Pierce, becoming a

member of St. John's Lutheran Church when the two churches merged. At Zion East, Elaine taught Sunday school for 19 years and organized the first vacation bible school for the youth in the church. She was an active member of the ladies aid, serving in various leadership positions. She also was a member of a neighborhood organization called the A-Teen Club, which made over 300 quilt tops for charity.

Upon moving to Pierce in 1977, Elaine did house cleaning, worked part-time at the Norfolk Daily News, and at the Farm and Garden Center in Pierce. She continued her passion for making quilts at the Pierce Senior Center and enjoyed playing cards with friends every Tuesday afternoon, as well as spending time crocheting and embroidery.

Having spent most of her life on a farm, she continued to enjoy gardening, flowers and taking care of her yard. She remained in her home in Pierce until the age of 96, at which time she moved to The Meadows Independent Apartments in Norfolk, relocating to a Meadows Assisted Living unit in March of 2016.

Elaine is survived by her son, Gerald Ehlers, and his wife, Darlene of Ainsworth; her daughter, LaJean Moats, and her husband, Larry of Lincoln; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; two stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dale and Elvena Herbolsheimer and Donrel and Sandy Herbolsheimer of Pierce.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, George; her parents, Henry and Meta; three brothers, Myron, Darrell and Lowell; and one sister, Delilah (Dean) Frank.

Casketbearers will be Darin Ehlers, Todd Moats, Bryce Crist, Cole Gibbens, Nathan Pence and Kaleb Pence. Honorary casketbearers will be Rhonda Hoffmann, Tracy Gibbens, Kristin Pence, MaKenzie Gibbens, Caitlan Crist, Sydney Simmons, Nicole Walz, Danielle Ihle and Derek Hoffmann.

Music will be provided by organist Jean Zautke and soloist Jill McElhose singing "How Great Thou Art." Congregational hymns will be "Abide With Me" and "Asleep in Jesus."

Online condolences may sent to www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Zion East Lutheran Cemetery, Rural Hoskins

Rural Hoskins, NE 68740

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce
403 West Main Street
Pierce, NE 68767
(402) 329-4270
stonacekmemorialchapel@hotmail.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

church

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church - Rural Pierce
Rural Pierce, NE 68767

Tribute Wall



“ Elaine Ehlers

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *By chance, I went to the Norfolk Daily News site and saw the obituary for Elaine Ehlers. Reading it took me back to my childhood and my remembrance of her as my Sunday School teacher. I remember the crafts we made in VBS under her direction. A warm and caring person of faith and wonderful friend to my parents. May God bless her soul.*

LuJean Koerting Hall - Baltimore, MD

LuJean Hall - October 13, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine Ehlers.*



October 08, 2016 at 12:11 PM

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“ *My sympathy to your Family.
I remember "Mrs. Ehlers" as our Sunday School teacher and a church leader at Zion Lutheran for so many years. She always had a smile and kind words for all. I shall also always remember the stern face that she made when things were not going too well in Sunday School. With that one look, her message was sent.
God blessings to her Family.
Mary Ann & Ron Keller*

Mary Ann L. Keller - October 08, 2016 at 10:06 AM