



Elaine Iris Schlaht

January 15, 1935 - March 20, 2026

Elaine's service will be livestreamed at <https://player.memoryshare.com/video/elaine-schlaht-valleycity-nd>

Elaine Iris Schlaht, 91, died peacefully at her home on March 20th, 2026.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 2pm at Traditions Funeral Service, Oliver-Nathan Chapel, Valley City, ND. Burial will be later in the spring in Memory Gardens, Valley City.

Elaine was born on January 15th, 1935, to Halvor and Paula (Wold) Haugland in New Rockford ND. She spent her early years on the family farm near Hamar ND.

She graduated from Oak Grove High School in 1953. Following high school, she worked in Devils Lake at the ND School for the Deaf and at Mercy Hospital. She then completed her teaching certificate at Valley City State College. She also taught at a one room schoolhouse in Cleveland ND. While living in that area she met Elroy Schlaht. They were married on May 19th, 1957, at Sigdal Lutheran Church. They moved to Wimbledon ND and later to Valley City where she worked as a childcare worker. Elaine became a second mother to many of these children that she cared for and they often kept in touch with her years later.

In 1987, she began working at Mercy Hospital in Valley City as a housekeeper. She loved her work and the people she worked with. She was

employed there until 1998.

Elaine was a woman of faith. All of those that knew her would agree that she made a quiet influence in their lives. She was a source of comfort to all of those she met. She offered guidance to those that were struggling, often finding Bible verses to help with their situation. Her welcoming spirit would often lead to extra people at the supper table, laughter in the house and another pot of coffee.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and friend to many. She believed in the power of prayer and was a true prayer warrior.

Elaine was welcomed home by her parents, brother Kenneth, and her lifelong best friend, Elroy. She is remembered lovingly by her six children: Judy Smith, Ron (Toni Affield), Jacqueline (Clark Van Horn), Roger, Dan, and David; her Grandchildren Ben (Jessie), Krystal (Mark), William (Tracy), Shantell (Nico) and Macy and seven great grandchildren will miss her loving hugs. She also leaves behind a brother Rodney (Phyllis) Haugland, and many nieces and nephews that she considered a part of the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Traditions Funeral Services, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Valley City

3416 121st Ave SE
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2881

Previous Events

Gathering of family and friends

MAR 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
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o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Rose Schlaht lit a candle in memory of Elaine Iris Schlaht*



Rose Schlaht - March 25 at 01:10 PM

RS

Love you mom... Thank you for your kindness, love... I'll miss you so very much...

Rose Schlaht - March 25 at 01:11 PM

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Love you mom.. thank you for your kindness ,love... I'll miss you so very much!!

Rose Schlaht - March 25 at 01:15 PM

LL

“ *I first met Elaine when I started going to the old Nazarene church. She brightened my Sundays with a verse that she said she had received from God for me. My mother was friends with her sister in law so her name was spoken many times around me. I have wonderful memories of this gracious lady. Rest in peace dear lady.*

lynne lang - March 25 at 11:54 AM

KJ

“ I'll never forget meeting Elaine for the first time. Her son, Dave, jokingly introduced me as her "long-lost daughter." I still remember the look on her face—a little confused, but so kind and welcoming. She made a wonderful meal, and we shared so many laughs that day. What a memorable first meeting! ❤️

katrina johnson - March 24 at 01:03 PM

SM

“ Sheila & Jay Lyons, Curt & Sandra Markel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Iris Schlaht.



Sheila & Jay Lyons, Curt & Sandra Markel - March 24 at 09:24 AM

SM

“ Sheila & Jay Lyons, Curt & Sandra Markel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine Iris Schlaht.

Sheila & Jay Lyons, Curt & Sandra Markel - March 24 at 09:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Iris Schlaht.



March 23 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elaine Iris Schlaht.



March 23 at 11:23 AM



“ Casey, Raena, Wes, Megan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine Iris Schlaht.



Casey, Raena, Wes, Megan - March 23 at 10:32 AM



“ Curt & Madonna purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine Iris Schlaht.



Curt & Madonna - March 22 at 08:29 PM



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Curt & Madonna - March 22 at 08:29 PM

TA

“ *Elaine loved with open arms, kind words, and prayers. There was always a cup of coffee & cookie waiting for anyone that entered her home. Adored her husband and children. And her sense of humor was unbeatable. Elaine will be deary missed and remembered always. She was a gem.*

Toni Affield - March 22 at 07:35 PM