



## Elsie Marie Tait

July 9, 1920 - July 31, 2016

As a glow came over her face and her eyes opening widely with a distant stare, Elsie Marie Tait 96 passed away peacefully at St. Lukes Care Center in Blue Earth, MN on July 31, 2016. This glorious event was witnessed by family that surrounded her. Funeral services will be held at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City, ND on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 P.M. on August 2, 2016 at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City, ND and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Elsie was born in Jud, ND on July 9th, 1920 to Jacob G. and Martha (Madchke) Nitschke. She attended and graduated from Jud Public School and Valley City State Teachers College. After teaching at Green School, Elsie worked at Montgomery Ward and later at the Fair Store in Valley City. Elsie married Ralph Tait in 1944 at Epworth United Methodist Church. They lived on a farm southwest of Valley City until 2007 when they moved to Valley City. She was a member of the Green Homemakers, a 4-H leader and was active in the women's divisions of the North Dakota Winter Show, Epworth Methodist Church and Eagles Auxiliary 2192. Elsie and Ralph were recognized with various awards for their dedicated service to their community.

Elsie was a very accomplished seamstress and an excellent cook. She could sew it all; from alterations on formal wear to sewing clothes or crafts from patterns she created to patching work clothes. She sewed her daughter's bridal gown and all of the bridesmaid dresses as well as bridesmaid dresses

for other family members and friends.

When you came to the Tait house you would never leave hungry. Elsie loved to cook and bake and her meals were second to none. It didn't matter if you came on an invitation or stopped by unexpectedly the quality and quantity was always outstanding. Elsie also made sure that you always had something to take with you when you left. It might be her famously delicious caramel rolls, homemade buns, apple crisp, or any food or bake goods she had at the time. Family and friends were very important to Elsie. One of her greatest joys was to have children and especially her grandchildren spend time with her and Ralph at the farm and later at their Valley City apartment. They proudly loved to attend any sports or other activity with family involvement.

After Ralph's passing and her eventual move to Blue Earth, her enthusiasm and joy of being part of any family activity or event never diminished. Visits from family near and far brought an intense amount of pleasure to her life. Time spent with family was the ultimate joy of her life; however friends came in a close second. Elsie and Ralph's circle of friends spanned the state and the country as a result of their friendliness and good neighbor attitude. In Blue Earth a new group of friends evolved for Elsie. She continued to stay in contact with those she left through cards, letters, phone calls and occasionally a face to face visit as they passed through her new home town.

Preceding Elsie in death were her husband Ralph in 2007, her brother Ervin, her parents, son-in-law, Ron Davies and great-grandson Jacob Riedman. She is survived by her children Karyl and Lester Hintz, Blue Earth, MN, Gary and Bea Tait, Valley City, ND, Kaye and Charles Belzer, Amenia, ND, and Lynn and Cheryl Tait, Alexandria, MN; grandchildren, Jeffery (Kris Kosminskas) Hintz, Michael (Amanda) Hintz, Suzanne (David) Olsen, Kristi (Cory) Anderson, Brian (Kelly) Tait, Brenda (Roger) Erber, Laura (Bret) Stringer, April (Ryan Oksendahl) Davies, Mark Davies, Aaron (Jamie Blazek) Tait, and Alyssa (Jake) Schauer, 19 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, North Dakota. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church  
680 8th Ave. SW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Dear Kaye and family....so very sorry to learn of the passing of your Mom. I have a recipe that I believe is hers! I make Bon-Bons from an old cookbook that I have. It's my favorite to make at Christmas time and I get so many compliments on them. She was a wonderful soul and she will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Michele (Neurauter) Green



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**Michele Green** - August 10, 2016 at 12:36 PM

GT

“ Galina Tait. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elsie Marie Tait.



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**Galina Tait.** - August 04, 2016 at 09:05 PM

AM

“ I am unable to be at the service, but want the family to know that I am thinking of you all, at this time. Elsie was exactly as is written in the obituary. You are so fortunate to have all the memories to share, even during your grief.

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**Ardis Martin** - August 03, 2016 at 12:09 PM

SG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mom and grandmother Elsie. It was a joy to meet and get to know her through the years during family events. We hope all the wonderful memories you have bring you comfort. Brad & Susan Grenz

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**Susan Grenz** - August 03, 2016 at 12:08 PM

MC

“ I am so glad i had the opportunity to share time with Elsie while working at St.Lukes. She could brighten anyones day. She always had a hug, smile and of course a piece of candy for me. Hugs to Karyl an family. Elsie will always have a place in my heart. Sincerely, Michelle Cyphers and Bear

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**michelle cyphers** - August 03, 2016 at 08:35 AM

DB

“ Our prayers and sympathy to you. We were talking about Elsie and have always said what a warm and welcoming person she was. Duane said how much Elsie reminded him of his Mom, two very giving and loving women. Elsie will be missed. We are sorry we are going to miss the service but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our love, Duane and Diane

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**Diane Bring** - August 03, 2016 at 07:38 AM

JA

“ Justin A. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elsie Marie Tait.



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**Justin A.** - August 02, 2016 at 01:44 PM

KR

“ Our condolences to your family, Gary & Kathy Riedman

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**kathy riedman** - August 02, 2016 at 12:50 PM

ME

“ Elsie Tail, along with her husband Ralph, were our neighbors on the farm as we were growing up. Especially after our parents died, they both took us on as their own kids. Elise was one-of-a-kind in her energy. Absolutely no one cooked and baked as well as Elsie. Not only that, she always shared food, pleasantries, good advice, and help to all she knew. For me, it marks the passing of my favorite generation. I will miss her greatly. Mary (Mortensen) Enge.

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**Mary Enge** - August 01, 2016 at 09:53 AM

ME

*It's Elsie Tait...sorry for the misprint.*

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**Mary Enge** - August 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

WL

*Elsie was one of my teachers at Green School. I remember her well. She was a great lady. To her family, I am sorry for your loss. Warren Loendorff*

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**warren loendorf** - August 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM

JW

*We lived just a couple of miles south of Ralph and Elsie and I can't remember when I didn't know them. They were great and generous neighbors, their door was always open to visitors and one never had to worry about a lull in the conversation! Tait's (and so many others of our neighbors) truly exemplified that "Greatest Generation" life of hard work, faith, family & generosity. While we are all poorer for Elsie's loss today, I'm thinking Heaven is a little livelier this afternoon! Tait Family- you are in our thoughts and prayers...thanks for sharing you mom with us! (Now, who's gonna cook Noodles & Raisins?) Jon & Zona*

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**Jon & Zona Wagar** - August 01, 2016 at 02:42 PM

TE

*My sympathy to the Tait family. I met Elsie after she moved to Blue Earth. She would attend basketball games to watch her great granddaughters play. My daughters were also on the team. I loved her spirit...you could tell she was a kind and gently soul. She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I feel lucky to have had the chance to meet her.*

*Teresa Stevermer*

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**Teresa** - August 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM