



## Mrs. Marjorie Jean Elvig

October 1, 1933 - June 7, 2018

Mrs. Marjorie "Margie" Jean (Binns) Elvig, age 84 of Minneapolis, formerly of Grand Rapids, MN went to be with Jesus on June 7, 2018, after a 12 year struggle with Alzheimer's. Margie was born in Newark, N. J. on October 1, 1933, to John William Binns and Martha Helen (Boothby) Binns. Sister, Marilyn, joined them and they grew up with music lessons, much reading, and faithful church attendance at Evangel Baptist Church. The Lord Jesus called Margie at an early age, and He became her Lord and Savior. She attended Wheaton College in Illinois where she earned a degree in Elementary Education and also served in a program that reached out to the children in the "projects" of Chicago. While attending Wheaton, she met her sweetheart, Earl James Elvig. They were united in marriage on August 17, 1956, and enjoyed 52 years together. Margie became a school teacher while her husband was attending seminary in Philadelphia, PA. She raised five children while faithfully serving alongside her husband at each church he pastored throughout the Midwest. She was an indispensable partner in ministry playing the piano and organ, leading choirs, teaching Bible studies and Sunday school, and lending compassionate care to anyone in need. She taught piano lessons, did substitute teaching, provided foster care to 5 children, volunteered with hospice, and sang with the community chorus. Margie was an extremely talented pianist and accompanist and used her musical gift to serve and glorify God. She and her sister delighted in creating music together and presented many worshipful concerts.

Margie was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved people, especially children, and enjoyed sharing music with them. Each grandchild can remember her sitting at the piano with them and singing. She had a very welcoming presence, would have a great meal and treats prepared for visits and would wave good-bye until we had left her sight. She was an accomplished gardener, flowers graced her table, an avid reader, and life-long learner. The Bible and the inerrancy of Scripture were very important to her, and she worked diligently teaching her children and many others God's Word. She desired that people know the love of her Father in Heaven and that we are saved by faith alone. One of the verses she shared with her daughters in a gift of a Bible was "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." III

John 1:4 She was a woman of prayer with volumes of diaries filled with prayers that certainly helped many. She will be remembered for her kind and gentle spirit, her passion for God and people, and her love of music.

Preceded in death by two infant sons, Stephen and Paul; her parents; two infant grandsons, Patrick Riley and Jacob Von Duyke; husband, Rev. E. James Elvig; sister, Marilyn Wiedenman. Survived by five daughters, Nancy (Tom) Ringgenberg, Betsy (Andy) Von Duyke, Susan (Bill) Neumeister, Laurie Elvig (Joe Riley) and Patricia (Michael) Reed; 17 grandchildren, Eric (Nicole) Ringgenberg, Lauren (Andrew) Clements, Katie (Tim) Hedberg, Mark Ringgenberg, Anna Von Duyke, Ellie Von Duyke, Brannen Neumeister, Luke Neumeister, Aaron Neumeister, Duncan Riley, Owen Riley, Henry Riley, Natalie Reed, Julia Reed, Jon Harris Reed, Max Reed, Samuel Reed; 2 great-grandchildren, Colton Ringgenberg and Eli Ringgenberg; 3 sister-in-laws, Virginia Bender, Martha Look and June Elvig; one brother-in-law, Charles Elvig; as well as other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Margie's life will be 11:00 AM, Thursday, June 14, at GracePoint Church, 2351 Rice Creek Road, New Brighton, MN 55112, with visitation one hour prior to service. Inurnment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

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# Events

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**JUN** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Grace Point Church

2351 Rice Creek Road, New Brighton, MN, US, 55112

# Comments

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“ Patty, You and your family are in our prayers as you remember Marjorie in these days and for the years to come. God bless you with His comfort. The staff of Riverwood Church

**Mark LaFollette** - June 13, 2018 at 01:26 PM

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“ Edward Jones Investments purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Marjorie Jean Elvig.



**Edward Jones Investments** - June 13, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marjorie Jean Elvig.



June 12, 2018 at 12:22 PM

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“ We were so sorry to hear about Margie. My mother Marjorie Held has wonderful memories of her when she and her husband served at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church near Postville IA. May you be comforted knowing she is with the Lord. Linda Sweeney

**Linda Sweeney** - June 10, 2018 at 10:53 AM