



Eldora Jane Anderson

June 19, 1942 - March 6, 2025

Eldora "Ellie" (Johnson) Anderson

Age 82, of Ham Lake, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2025, surrounded by family at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Ellie was born on June 19, 1942, in Kenmare, North Dakota, to Orville and Elnora (Sorenson) Johnson. She spent her formative years on the Nick Wilson Homestead in rural Coulee, North Dakota, alongside her parents and younger sister, Diana, where they cultivated soybeans and spring wheat. Her experiences on the farm instilled in her a lifelong love of animals and a strong work ethic.

Ellie graduated from Kenmare High School in 1960 and pursued higher education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. A dedicated professional, she was a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors of America (IIA) and enjoyed a distinguished 45-year career as a Certified Internal Auditor at Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent Financial) in Minneapolis, retiring in 2002.

On May 29, 1971, Ellie married David L. Anderson, and they welcomed their son, Mark, in 1974. The family made their home in Ham Lake, MN, and were members of Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids.

Ellie had a deep affection for animals. As a child, she cherished the memories of riding her beloved horse, Midnight. As an adult, she generously volunteered her time with Pet Haven of Minnesota and had a particular fondness for cats. Ellie also enjoyed traveling, exploring destinations such as Denmark, Norway, Alaska, and the Caribbean. After retirement, she found joy and camaraderie as a member of the Red Hat Society. More than anything else, Ellie treasured her son and her two grandchildren, Nicholas and Alexandra. She delighted in trips back to North Dakota with them and was a constant presence at their basketball and baseball/softball games. In recent years, she was incredibly proud of Nick, a Business Economics major at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and Alex, a Criminal Studies major at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, as they pursued their college educations.

Ellie is survived by her son Mark, grandson Nicholas, and granddaughter Alexandra, all of Andover. She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Elnora Johnson; her sister, Diana Van Berkom; and her former husband, David Anderson.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the compassionate and dedicated staff at Allina Health and Mercy Hospital for their years of supportive care.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 21, 2025, at Washburn-McReavy, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by a service at 3:00 pm, officiated by Fr. Thomas Dufner. Guests are invited to wear Ellie's favorite color, purple, in her honor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Eldora's name to Pet Haven of MN.

<https://pethavenmn.org/ways-to-donate/>.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Eldora Jane Anderson please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Eldora Jane Anderson in memory of Eldora Jane Anderson



Washburn-McReavy - March 09, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ Arlene Morton Dan, Scott and Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Eldora Jane Anderson.



Arlene Morton Dan, Scott and Family - March 19, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldora Jane Anderson.



March 13, 2025 at 12:53 PM

KJ

“ Mark, I knew your mom through our Pet Haven volunteering for about 20 yrs, and we kept in touch more recently with emails now and then, and Christmas cards. So sorry for your loss. She was deeply proud of you and the kids and talked about you often. Wishing you the comfort of all those memories together. Thanks for sharing such a lovely obituary of Eldora. Sending our sympathy to you all. - Kim Jaworski

kim jaworski - March 13, 2025 at 08:10 AM

JB

“ My mom, Jerriann Hanel, was roommates with El and boy did I love hearing stories from El about them. I know they had a fabulous reunion in Arizona quite a few years back, and I am sure they are having one now in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.
Jennifer Bitts



Jennifer Bitts - March 12, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ Jennifer B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eldora Jane Anderson.

Jennifer B. - March 12, 2025 at 10:40 AM