



Eleanor Marie Franklin

September 5, 2016

Age 92, of Crystal, passed away at home on September 5, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John, and her sister, Lorraine Ryan. Survived by children Thomas (Debbi), Ruth Wolford (Larry), Mary Nesseth (Al), Paula (Greg) Benson, and Robert (Jackie). Grandchildren Amy (Carl) Hall, John Wolford, Grady (Sydney) Wolford, Carrie Dotten, William (Christine) Nesseth, Benjamin Nesseth (fiancée Ashley), Kathleen (Nick) Detrich, Daniel (Elizabeth) Benson, Jodi Franklin (Erik), and Kristina (Travis) Schindler. Great-grandchildren Matthew, Makenzie, Lilly, Aliasha, Wyatt, Ethan, Luke, Porter, Finnegan, Alden, and James.

Eleanor was born June 18, 1924 in Minneapolis. She was the eldest child of Dr. Frank and Palma (Nelson) Frisch. Her sister, Lorraine, joined the family in December of 1925. Her early years were spent in Willmar, graduating from Willmar High School in 1942. She then attended St. Catherine's College and the University of Minnesota, and graduated in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. She was employed by Archer Daniels Midland in Research and Development and helped create the first commercially available cake mixes. She married her childhood friend and sweetheart, John Franklin, on September 17, 1949. John's career as a journalist brought them to Madelia, Litchfield, Fairmont, and Wayzata. They finally settled down with their five children in Crystal where she lived for 58 years. Once her children were in school, Eleanor worked part-time as a

preschool teacher with her dear, life-long friend Charlene (Carlson) Frayseth. Eleanor was fiercely independent and had many interests. She enjoyed history, reading, friends and family, and travel. Over the years, she enjoyed the company of several beloved canine companions. She was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church for 58 years. She enjoyed yoga, fitness classes at the Y, and wearing her Birkenstock sandals. Many happy summers were spent at the family cabin on Eagle Lake in Otter Tail County. Eleanor was a devoted wife and mother. She will be remembered by all who had the honor to know her for her quiet strength, compassion, and gentle humor.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, September 21st at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior at St. James Lutheran Church, 6700 46th Place N., Crystal. Internment will be in Gethsemane Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
6700 46th Place North
Crystal, MN 55428

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy & Emily McIntire purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.* ”



Kathy & Emily McIntire - September 18, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.* ”



September 18, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *I am glad I shared the image of John and Ted in their uniforms. Will miss you and glad for the celebration at the last family reunion Joani* ”

joani - September 15, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Angel Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.* ”



September 14, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.*



September 13, 2016 at 05:26 PM

CP

“ I have lots of memories of Tess. Probably the most of the family coming out to stay on Eagle Lake every weekend during the summer. Before there was a cabin on the lot they stayed in a green canvas tent. This meant Tess had to cook on a Coleman camping stove or an open fire. Must have been bad especially during a rainstorm.

I was trying to think if I remember Tess getting mad, and I can't. I brought this up to Mark and he agrees with me, although, she would roll her eyes. It was usually about something John had done. I remember when they drove to the lake they could not stop to go to the bathroom. FOR ANY REASON! I expect she rolled her eyes at that. When we went camping with them we were worried about stopping to go to bathroom.

One time my mom and Tess were complaining because whenever we talked about the Franklin family it was: John's, Ted's, or Dan's. You get the idea. They thought it should be John and Tess's or Ted and Marion's, or Dan and Lucille's. I called Mark to find out who made the signs. He thinks maybe my dad did with his router. He made two signs. One said Tess's and one said John's. Tess's was put on the cabin (they had one at that time), and John's was put on the outhouse. I think she liked where the signs were put.

Tess was an awesome lady. We will miss her.

Connie (Franklin) Prunty

Connie Prunty - September 13, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.*



September 12, 2016 at 10:16 PM



“ *The Frisch Family, St. James purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eleanor Marie Franklin.*



The Frisch Family, St. James - September 12, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *On behalf of our entire family I'd like to pass along our sympathies to all of you. Your parents, especially your Mom, were absolutely wonderful people. When I was young, when your parents lived in Madelia and Fairmont, our families visited regularly. I only remember Ruthie and Tommy, others came along after I'd grown and gone off to school and after you had moved out of the area. Talking with Bob, I hope we are able to visit sometime and get acquainted / re-acquainted. We grow up, move apart, and lose touch, a reality in today's world. Very warmest regards from your Frisch cousins from St. James -- Gordon, Charles, Jeanne, David, and Joseph (our brother Douglas passed on many years ago).
Very warmest regards,
Gordon*

Gordon - September 12, 2016 at 11:21 AM

JJ

“ I've had the pleasure of being Eleanor's neighbor for only a year. I will miss her cheerful smile and our brief talks while our dogs played together. I admired her independence and strength. Rest in peace, Eleanor.
Jean Johnson



Jean Johnson - September 12, 2016 at 01:28 AM

BT

“ First, thank you Eleanor, for sharing your son, Tom with my family. Then I want to remember the good times we had when you visited us here in Vermont. I wish we could have had more time together, but the distance in miles was too great. Barbara Ticehurst

Barbara Ticehurst - September 08, 2016 at 03:14 PM