



## Ellen Marie Anderson

March 28, 1934 - October 10, 2024

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15 ESV  
Ellen Marie Anderson, our beloved wife and mother, left this world for her heavenly home on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Bethany Home Skilled Care in Ripon, California at the age of 90. We are comforted that her earthly suffering is over, and she is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Funeral services are at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Eden Prairie Chapel (Washburn/McReavy - Albin Chapel). Burial will be at 2:00pm at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. A visitation will be held at 10:00am, prior to the service.

Ellen Marie Warkentin was born on Wednesday, March 28, 1934, in the upper level of the barn her parents lived in near Bingham Lake, Minnesota. Her parents were Henry D. Warkentin and Marie (Ratzlaff) Warkentin. Ellen accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized, joining the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church in August 1948. Their family eventually moved to a house their dad built in Mt. Lake, and Ellen graduated from Mt. Lake Public High School in 1952. She continued her education at Mankato State University, graduating with a B.S. degree in 1956 with an emphasis in Art and Teaching. During her college years, her family suffered the heartbreaking death of their dear mother on June 18, 1955.

By God's grace, Ellen finished college, and joyfully married David Lee Anderson on August 17, 1956. Ellen's father remarried shortly after their wedding to Linda Nickel. Ellen and Dave moved around Minnesota quite a bit

(with one year in Pasadena) while Dave settled into his career. She was a classroom teacher until the birth of Delrae in 1966 and the adoption of Charlene in 1967. The years spent living in Marshall, MN and Willmar, MN, were fruitful years for Ellen, starting neighborhood Bible study groups and discipling several women. Ellen also very much enjoyed her part-time job as a resource aid with Willmar Public Schools. She served the Lord wholeheartedly at First Baptist, Willmar, especially in music ministry and a girls club ministry.

Ellen and David moved to the Twin Cities in 1998 and used their retirement to volunteer with various ministries. Ellen was committed to volunteering at Wooddale Church and FaithSearch International. Ellen used her artistic gifts to make their home beautiful and excelled at crafts and various handwork. She was a gifted seamstress, making her own wedding gown as well as gowns for her sisters. Ellen was inspired by beautiful flowers and enjoyed growing them in her gardens. She also loved hymns and singing with her sisters as a quartet - this is a wonderful family memory.

It was evident that Ellen loved her Savior and gave her all to serve Him during her life. Everyone who knew her was blessed by her sweet personality. A favorite Bible verse of Ellen's was Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

On October 19, 2021, Ellen and Dave moved to Ripon, California, to be near Delrae and her family in their later years. Ellen's health slowly declined this summer, and after a couple of months in Bethany Home, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Ellen is survived by David, her husband of 68 years, and their two daughters - Delrae (Glenn) Gerdes, of Ripon CA, and Charlene (Tim) Pino, of Conifer, CO, as well as 3 grandchildren - Kayla (Joel) Brown, Karsten Gerdes, and Calvin Gerdes. She is also survived by 3 sisters - Karen (David) Erickson, Betty Selander, and Vi (Gary) Jansick, and brother Tim (Mary) Warkentin. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, stepmother, and brother Leon.

Our family thanks Bethany Home and Community Hospice for their loving care

for our wife and mother in her last weeks of life.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery (EP)

12390 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
7625 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

## Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
7625 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen Marie Anderson



Washburn-McReavy - October 22, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Ellen Marie Anderson in memory of Ellen Marie Anderson



Washburn-McReavy - October 15, 2024 at 12:47 PM