



Elsie Katherine Latawiec

May 27, 1929 - January 9, 2026

Elsie Katherine Latawiec, of New Brighton, formerly of Columbia Heights, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026, at the age of 96.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Chester W. Latawiec Sr., her parents Emanuel and Frances (Hruby) Sundahl, her brother Orvis Sundahl, and her sister Irene Verbout.

She is survived by her brother Emanuel Sundahl and her sister Marilyn Harle. She is also survived by her sons, Chester Latawiec Jr. (Rose) and Douglas Latawiec (Jenifer), and by her grandchildren Katelyn, Nathan, Emily, Alexander, Cecilia, Jacinta, Michael, Gabriele, Ave' Mary, Joseph, Raphael, Xavier, Bernadette, Lucia, Emanuel, Maximilian, Kateri, Immaculee, and Antoine. Her great-grandchildren include Natalie, Faith, Sophia, Hope, Wyatt, Rudy, Lucille, Abel, Elijah, Reina, Gianna, Bellemy, Damian, Ambrose, Avila, Lisieux, Vianney, Sofia, Izabella, and Xander.

Elsie was born on May 27, 1929, in Highland Township, Minnesota. She married Chester W. Latawiec Sr. on June 17, 1950. Elsie earned her nursing diploma from Ancker Hospital (today known as Regions Hospital), her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Minnesota and later earned three additional master's degrees in nursing, mental health, and pastoral ministry. She served as a public health nurse for the Mounds View School District until her retirement in 1992.

Elsie was a long-time member of Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation in support of women educators. She also served for ten years as a sacristan at St. John the

Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton and faithfully brought Holy Communion to those who were homebound.

Elsie's life was rooted in her Catholic faith, her devotion to family, and her service to others. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a constant source of joy. She and Chet treasured summers at their cabin on Lake Vermilion and winters at their condominium in Phoenix, Arizona. Elsie was a devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Surrounded by family and friends, Elsie entered eternal life in peace, accompanied by prayer, rosaries, and the sacramentals of the Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton. Visitation will take place one hour prior to Mass at the church. Interment will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery with lunch to follow.

Flowers may be sent to the church. Memorial gifts in Elsie's name may be made to Women's Life Care Center, 2780 Middle Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)

1150 7th ST NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Graveside Service

JAN 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Elsie was a great example of beauty and grace. She used the gifts that God gave her and blessed many people. She will be missed. Eternal rest grant unto her.* ”

ryan romens - January 15 at 10:58 AM

MD

“ *Mike, Bob, Cal, and Dawn purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.* ”



Mike, Bob, Cal, and Dawn - January 14 at 05:04 PM

MD

“ *Mike, Bob, Cal, and Dawn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.* ”

Mike, Bob, Cal, and Dawn - January 14 at 05:04 PM

JN

“ *Jamie & Lois Nelson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.* ”



Jamie & Lois Nelson - January 14 at 12:11 PM

JN

“ Jamie & Lois Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.

Jamie & Lois Nelson - January 14 at 12:11 PM

NR

“ Elsie was one of my earliest friends at St John the Baptist Catholic Church about 18 years ago. She was so generous, patient, tender-hearted, kind, up-lifting. She never spoke ill of anyone, but jumped in to assist anyone.

We lived down the street from her and one day my two daughters and I were all sick and I could not care for them. Elsie arrived with hot soup for us. I was so impressed and touched with her kindness. Now I am a nurse in the Mounds View School District as she was. I only wish I will care for students and staff with the same love and care as Elsie.

Elsie, we love you and will surely miss you.

Naomi Hard RN - January 13 at 09:17 PM

SD

“ Aunt Elsie was the dearest of friends with my mother, Judy Krystofiak Morinville. I have known her and Uncle Chet for my lifetime. Two of the dearest people I will ever know. She now joins her love in eternity. I will always remember both of their love and compassion. Zest for life and support of those around them. May God bless her on her on her final journey where they shall meet. I loved her dearly.



Susan Dufault - January 13 at 08:34 PM

AO

“ My dad was a friend of Chet's and Nurse Latawiec took care of me in the MV School district from the time I was 6 til I went to Irondale... even promising to help me get to camp if I worked harder on complying with my doc/nurses orders.... I truly loved her and can not think of a more caring and compassionate person to care for so many of us little ones and later in her life caring for so many everywhere who were home bound... I know she joins Chet with her Lord and Savior and Heaven! Blessings to her family for sharing such an incredibly great soul!!! Amy Olson

Amy Olson - January 13 at 12:17 PM

CF

“ Chet's shoes Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.



Chet's shoes Family. - January 13 at 11:19 AM

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DP

“ Dave, Kathy and Mike Proft purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.



Dave, Kathy and Mike Proft - January 13 at 11:11 AM

DP

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Dave, Kathy and Mike Proft - January 13 at 11:11 AM

QX

“ QXO purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Elsie Katherine Latawiec.



QXO - January 13 at 11:05 AM