



## Lucille Opal Elrite

October 5, 1927 - February 13, 2024

Lucille Opal (Kurtz) Elrite

Age 96 of Coon Rapids passed away February 13th, 2024. She was the fourth of six children born to Jacob and Martha (Salzwedel) Kurtz. In 1945, she married Melvin Stangler. Following his death, she married Larry Elrite. Together, they raised five children; Diane (Glenn Lemke), Glen (Kathy), Debbie (Johnston), Greg (Tammy), and Jerry.

Lucille was born and raised on her parents farm near Enderlin, North Dakota and remained in the North Dakota area until moving to Coon Rapids in 1960.

Volunteering was a huge part of her life. She was president of the Anoka County Genealogical Society for 9 years and was a life member. In 2007, Lucille received national recognition in Arlington, West Virginia with an "Award of Merit" for over 30 years of service from the National Genealogical Society. She published 3 books about her family genealogy. She devoted her life to helping others in the search of their roots. After years of membership and volunteering she became a life member of the Anoka County Historical Society. She was a charter member of Epiphany Catholic church. Lucille also volunteered her services to Camilia Rose nursing home, Coon Rapids VFW, and the Anoka State Hospital Auxiliary.

When time permitted, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, reading, and doing puzzles. On Saturday nights, you could find her watching Lawrence Welk. Traveling was something she also very much enjoyed whether for genealogical research or to visit family and friends.

Lucille had 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her husbands, all her siblings, grandson, and son-in-law.

# Cemetery Details

## Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Lucille is going to be missed greatly!! One thing for sure. The only way we'll be able to see her and our other loved ones again is to believe in Jesus Christ!!!!*

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**jerry and karen and lonn boles** - February 20, 2024 at 10:28 PM

KR

“ *Kent R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille Opal Elrite.*

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**Kent R.** - February 18, 2024 at 12:30 PM

GS

“ *Lucille was a lovely neighbor and a caring soul, she was like having family next door and will be sincerely missed. God speed, they need you up there!!!*

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**Guy briggs and sherryl schiminski** - February 15, 2024 at 06:26 PM

RR

“ *My Mother - Vivian Reynolds - always kept in touch with Lucille. There was also a strong connection between my Grandmother - Emma Reynolds - and Lucille. I'm wondering if Lucille might have stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Reynolds for awhile when they lived in Enderlin. I'm sorry I don't recall details but I know Lucille was well thought of by my family and I'm sorry for your loss.  
-Roxy Ann Reynolds*

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**Roxy Ann Reynolds** - February 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lucille Opal Elrite.*



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February 14, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ *Love, Your Koch Companies family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lucille Opal Elrite.*

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**Love, Your Koch Companies family** - February 14, 2024 at 12:23 PM