



Othelia Kunitz

October 21, 1926 - October 19, 2022

Kunitz, Othelia Jeanette (Elton) Born on October 21, 1926, to Esther (Pearson) and Edwin Elton in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Othelia passed away on October 19, 2022, in Puyallup, WA at the age of 95, two days before her 96th birthday. Othelia or "Theil" as she was known to friends and family, moved to Granite Falls, MN when she was one year old and grew up on her grandfather's farm along with her parents and brother Lloyd Elton. In 1944, following graduation at Granite Falls High School, Theil went to work for the Veterans Administration in Washington D.C. She always talked about seeing President Roosevelt's train come back to Washington D.C. after he died in Warm Springs, GA. She was also in Washington D.C. when WWII ended and got to see all the parades and soldiers come home. Shortly after the war, Theil moved back to Minneapolis, MN and went to work as an insurance underwriter. On August 13, 1955, Othelia was united in marriage to Richard Kunitz, who was a friend of the family. The couple was blessed with two children, Pamela and Allen. Othelia and Richard were married for 63 years and made their home in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Park, MN. They also had many happy years at a lake cabin in Big Lake, MN. Theil chose to be home with her kids and to actively participate in all the events of their lives. She was an active member of Richfield United Methodist Church in Minneapolis where she taught several grades of Sunday School. In 1985, Richard and Theil moved to Brooklyn Park, MN to be near their grandchildren they loved and they joined Lutheran Church of the Master, where they were both active

members. In 2013, after Richard was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Theil moved to St. Louis Park to be near her son, Allen. Theil and Richard joined Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church shortly after that. The last three years of her life, Theil lived in Orting, WA with her daughter, Pam, son-in-law, Bob and her great-granddaughter, Selena. They were a happy family of four and it was fun having three generations of a family in one home. All the great-grandkids enjoyed riding on grandma's stairlift chair. Theil is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard; brother, Lloyd Elton; and daughter-in-law, Mary Katherine. She is survived by children, Pamela (Robert) McMahan and Allen (Deanna) Kunitz; five grandchildren, Julie, Emily, Lindsay, Bethany and Melissa; three great-grandchildren, Selena, Avery and Montgomery; and many other loving relatives and friends. A Service of Resurrection for Othelia Kunitz will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 10:30 AM at Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church (5801 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN). Visitation will be one hour before the service. Memorials preferred to American Heart Association or Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church (5801 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55416). Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church
5801 Minnetonka Boulevard
Saint Louis Park, MN 55416

Church Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450