

*E*ldora Ripke, age 82, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Sunday, December 2, 2007 at her home.

Eldora was born August 9, 1925 in Storm Lake, the daughter of William and Lea (Boettcher) Ripke. She was baptized as an infant on August 14, 1925 and confirmed her faith as a youth on April 2, 1939 at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. She attended Zion Lutheran School before graduating from Newell High School in 1943. Eldora continued her education at Iowa Lutheran Nursing School in Sioux City, Iowa, training extensively as a surgical nurse before graduating in 1949. She worked as a nurse her entire life, serving in the Minneapolis VA Hospital, the Omaha VA Hospital and the VA Hospital in San Diego, California. Eldora retired in 1982 and returned to Storm Lake to live.

Eldora was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. She enjoyed music very much, especially classical music. Eldora was active in the German Choir during the years she lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She had a great appreciation for antiques. To relax, Eldora liked to work in her garden and she enjoyed traveling, especially when she could drive her car. She will be remembered by her family as a dear sister and treasured aunt, and missed deeply by those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her sister, Edna (Marvin) Grote of Storm Lake, her sister-in-law, Lorene Ripke of Albert City, Iowa; nephew Larry (Janene) Grote; nieces LeAnn Ripke, Needra Ripke, Brenda Bayliss, and Evonne (Darrell) Veencamp; extended family and many friends.

Eldora was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Martin and Herbert; one sister, Norma; and an infant sister.

May God bless the memory of Eldora Ripke.



In Loving Memory



Eldora H. Ripke

1925



2007

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod
and Thy staff, they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—Psalm 23



We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced
in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this
service. Please join us for lunch and a time of sharing at the church
following the burial.



Eldora's Family

IN MEMORY OF

Eldora H. Ripke

August 9, 1925



December 2, 2007

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, December 7, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

Rural Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Stephen Kieser

ORGANIST

Orlando Leimer

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" #347

"Behold A Host Arrayed In White" #676

CASKET BEARERS

Larry Grote, Wayne Sump, Darrell Veencamp

Lloyd Boettcher, Dwayne Ehlers, Willis Ripke

INTERMENT

Zion Lutheran Cemetery



Rural Storm Lake, Iowa

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