



## Elise Marie Hinders

March 25, 2004 - August 25, 2024

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Elise Marie Hinders, a bright soul whose life, though brief, touched many hearts. Elise, just 20 years old, left us on August 25, 2024, but her spirit and the impact she made will continue to shine brightly in the lives of all who knew her.

Visitation will be held Sunday September 1, 2024 from 3-8:00 PM at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell where family will greet friends from 4-8:00 PM. A memorial service celebrating Elise's life and the joy she brought to the world will be held on Monday September 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell, where her spirit and faith will be honored. Friends and family are welcome to attend her Graveside Service on Tuesday September 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Graceland Cemetery in Buffalo Center, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Elise Marie Hinders Memorial, which will support causes close to her heart and continue her legacy of compassion and dedication.

Elise was born on March 25, 2004 at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa in Mason City to Chad and Allison Hinders. She joined her sister Taylen Ann and was followed by her sisters Kinzee Jo, Mylie Christine, and Brynlee Renee. She was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church in Thompson and was

confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Buffalo Center. Elise grew up in Buffalo Center and attended North Iowa Community School District until she was a sophomore in high school. Her family then moved to Newell, Iowa where she graduated with the Class of 2022 from Newell-Fonda High School. She participated in volleyball, basketball, track, softball, and quiz bowl in high school, along with being a manager for the girls basketball team her junior and senior year. While in high school and during college breaks, she worked at Mustang Daycare forming many strong bonds with the children and staff there. Elise went on to attend college at Iowa Lakes in Emmetsburg, earning her diploma in Early Childhood Education in May 2024. She was going back this year to pursue her Associates of Science degree in Early Childhood Education when she passed away. She was a student in the SAVE program at Iowa Lakes and was also a member of the Student Senate. Elise's greatest passion was her involvement in Laker Life at Iowa Lakes where her relationship for the Lord grew and she professed her faith for God through her testimony and baptism on May 3, 2024.

Life was not always an easy path for Elise as she was diagnosed with epilepsy at six months old, enduring many tests and hospital stays during her early years of childhood. Epilepsy made her life more challenging in many ways, but one would never know it with her determination to do the best that she could in everything she attempted.

Elise was a devoted daughter, loving sister, and cherished friend. Her unwavering faith in the Lord was the cornerstone of her life. She approached every challenge with determination and a steadfast spirit, embodying the strength and perseverance that made her an inspiration to all who crossed her path. Her stubborn resolve was matched only by her boundless kindness and an infectious smile that could light up the darkest room.

As a hard worker, Elise dedicated herself to her passions with remarkable

zeal. Her commitment to excellence and her relentless drive were evident in everything she undertook, from her academic pursuits to her personal endeavors. Despite her young age, she made a profound impact on her community and everyone fortunate enough to cross her path.

Elise's memory will live on through the countless lives she touched, the love she spread, and the example she set. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, courage, and a smile that will forever warm the hearts of those who remember her.

Elise will be greatly missed by those she leaves behind. Her Mom and Dad, Chad and Allison; along with her sisters Taylen (Shaun), Kinzee, Mylie, Brynlee and her niece Nazani Jo. Her grandparents, Lyle and Eloise Wirtjes and Chris and Barb Hinders. She is also survived by her aunts and uncles; Ryan and Jennifer Wirtjes, Emily Wirtjes, Cody and Alicia Wirtjes, Cheri and Al Schmidt, Wade and Ann Hinders, and Ryan and Brooke Hinders. Her cousins Kasey, Krisanne, and Brody Wirtjes, Rowan and Ross Wirtjes, Ethan and Emily Schmidt, Evan and Avery Hinders, and Heston, Laingstin, Quinlynn, and Boyden Hinders. She was also loved by many extended family members and many friends including those from Laker Life and the SAVE program at Iowa Lakes and from Mustang Daycare.

Elise was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Earl and Carol Christenson, John and Marie Wirtjes, James and Mabel Robinson, and Tom and Hazel Hinders.

Rest in peace, Elise. Your light will forever guide us, and your love and bright smile will remain with us always.

Colossians 3:23-24 "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and

not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance, for you serve the Lord Christ.”

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

440th St  
Buffalo Center, IA 50424, IA 50424  
[https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/94907/  
graceland-cemetery](https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/94907/graceland-cemetery)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell  
313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

*Family present from 4-8:00 p.m.*

## Funeral Service

SEP 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell  
313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

## Burial

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Graceland Cemetery  
2271-2999 440th St.  
Buffalo Center, IA 50424

*Open to the public*

# Tribute Wall

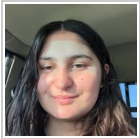


“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elise Marie Hinders*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - September 01, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *When I arrived at ILCC to check into my dorm, Elise was the first person I saw. She gave me my dorm information and a complete rundown of college life. At first, I was nervous, so I started texting her, and instantly she replied! One day at lunch, all my friends were in class, and instead of sitting alone, Elise left her table and sat with me. I will forever be grateful to have such a true friend like Elise. Her smile will be missed, but I know she will guide us from heaven.*

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**Mia Viergutz** - September 02, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



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September 01, 2024 at 08:14 PM

KP

“ Keanna Peterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Keanna Peterson - September 01, 2024 at 08:14 PM

JH

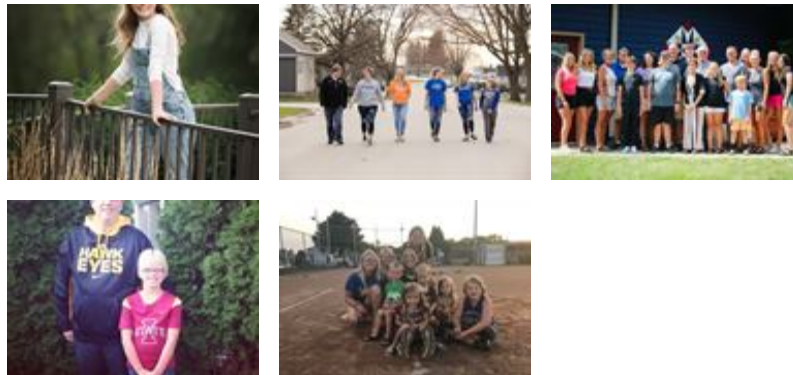
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jensen Funeral Homes - September 01, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ 220 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 01, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DL

“ Deb & Wes Lasher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Deb & Wes Lasher - August 31, 2024 at 11:23 AM

DL

“ *Deb & Wes Lasher purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



Deb & Wes Lasher - August 31, 2024 at 11:23 AM

NP

“ *Newell-Fonda Girls' Athletic Programs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



Newell-Fonda Girls' Athletic Programs - August 30, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



August 30, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



August 30, 2024 at 09:54 AM

AB

“ Amanda B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Amanda B. - August 30, 2024 at 09:08 AM

RT

“ Sending thoughts and best wishes to the family!

Ryan Thompson - August 30, 2024 at 09:04 AM

MA

“ Elise bringing you into our daycare family was such a joy. Your smile brightened the hearts of staff and children. You will always be in our hearts. You will be missed. God Bless 🙏

Margo - August 29, 2024 at 11:48 PM

MA

“ Margo lit a candle in memory of Elise Hinders



Margo - August 29, 2024 at 11:44 PM

AT

“ Ann T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Ann T. - August 29, 2024 at 08:21 PM

DJ

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I did not know Elise, I certainly wish that I did. It sounds like she was full of life and love for others, spreading sunshine to all who knew her. With deep love, comes deep grief and life will not be the same. I pray God helps you all find your new normal as you all take one step, one day at a time. Prayers for your family

DIANE JOHNSON - August 29, 2024 at 03:58 PM

AK

“ Arden, Bob, Jan, Pat, Jane, Curt, & Kari purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



Arden, Bob, Jan, Pat, Jane, Curt, & Kari - August 29, 2024 at 01:06 PM

SS

“ Scott and Sarah Stokes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



Scott and Sarah Stokes - August 29, 2024 at 01:00 PM

IC

“ Iowa Lakes Community College purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



Iowa Lakes Community College - August 29, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 28, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 28, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ Michelle, Riley, and Gretchen purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



Michelle, Riley, and Gretchen - August 28, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ Michelle, Riley, and Gretchen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Michelle, Riley, and Gretchen - August 28, 2024 at 06:03 PM

YF

“ Your NWI Premier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Your NWI Premier Family - August 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM

TS

“ Trent, Heather, Cody, and Samantha Smidt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Trent, Heather, Cody, and Samantha Smidt - August 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Butterfly Whispers - Memory was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



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August 28, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Hancock County Surgery Dept. purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



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**Hancock County Surgery Dept.** - August 28, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ *Butterfly Whispers - Heaven was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



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August 28, 2024 at 12:17 AM



“ *Butterfly Whispers was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.*



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August 27, 2024 at 11:52 PM

MJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike & Shelly Jensen



Mike & Shelly Jensen - August 27, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 27, 2024 at 05:48 PM

TB

“ The Ullmann’s. Justin, April & Brekkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

The Ullmann’s. Justin, April & Brekkin - August 27, 2024 at 05:48 PM

BB

“ Brandon, Emma, and Paxton Bengtson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Brandon, Emma, and Paxton Bengtson - August 27, 2024 at 04:34 PM

BB

“ Brandon, Emma, and Paxton Bengtson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



Brandon, Emma, and Paxton Bengtson - August 27, 2024 at 04:34 PM

SL

“ SAVE Program: Michelle, Nichole, & Lori purchased the Butterfly Whispers - Musical Water Globe for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



SAVE Program: Michelle, Nichole, & Lori - August 27, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ "In Loving Memory" 30" Chime was purchased for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



August 27, 2024 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Josh & Dallas Murra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Marie Hinders.

Josh & Dallas Murra - August 27, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JM

“ Josh & Dallas Murra purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



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**Josh & Dallas Murra** - August 27, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JB

“ Jared, Heather and Ashlyn Bechler purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elise Marie Hinders.



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**Jared, Heather and Ashlyn Bechler** - August 27, 2024 at 03:52 PM

DS

“ I will always love Elise's determination to beat her challenges, her love of life! so positive and beautiful!

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**Dana Seivert** - August 27, 2024 at 02:45 PM

LM

Our thoughts & prayers for this dear family, we did not know Elise but knew Chad & his family well. You can have much comfort knowing that she is in the arms of Jesus. Lawrence & Donna Miller

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**Lawrence & Donna Miller** - September 01, 2024 at 01:43 PM