



Mrs. Elda C. Rolf

October 1, 1925 - March 1, 2022

Mrs. Elda C. Rolf
Saginaw, Michigan

Died in the Lord, peacefully at home, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the age of 96 years, and now lives in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Elda C. (Elbert) Rolf was born at her childhood home on October 1, 1925, in Itasca, Illinois, to Gerhard and Hulda Elbert. A few days after Elda was born, she was brought into God's family through infant baptism. Elda's parents nurtured her in her Christian faith by praying with her, reading Scripture together, having family devotions and regularly attending church. Elda also attended a one-room Lutheran elementary school, where her father was the teacher. Elda went on to attend Lutheran High School in the Chicago area, and Lutheran College at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois, where she met her husband, Eugene Rolf. Elda was married to Eugene A. Rolf on August 10, 1947, in Itasca, Illinois. Eugene died in the Lord on June 27, 1988. Elda and Eugene left a lasting legacy with their four children, Ruth, John, Jim and Rick. Elda and Eugene led their family by daily sharing their Christian faith and modeling the love of Jesus.

Son, John, died in the Lord on October 25, 2021, but Elda is survived by John's wife, Cheryl, also by Ruth and Tom Stuwe, Jim and Cheryl Rolf, Rick and Debbie Rolf; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Elda's sister,

Paula Tedrahn (Earl) and her brother, Erv Elbert (Gert) have all predeceased her. Her brother-in-law, Robert Rolf (Ruth), sister-in-law, Naomi Peterson (Art), and brother-in-law, Lou Rolf have all predeceased her. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Arlene Rolf.

Elda and Eugene were both Lutheran educators, teaching and modeling their Christian faith to many students, especially at Holy Cross Lutheran, where Elda taught and Peace Lutheran, where Eugene taught.

Mrs. Rolf's funeral will be held 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Peace Lutheran Church, 3427 Adams Ave., Saginaw, Michigan. Friends are welcome to visit with the family from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service. The Rev. Henry Pahlkotter will officiate. She will then be laid to rest, next to her husband, Eugene, in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. A luncheon will follow back at the Church. Memorial contributions may be given to Peace Lutheran School. The service will be live-streamed through web page with the watch player: Peacesaginaw.org/watch or Search Youtube: Peacesaginaw

Memories and sympathies of Mrs. Rolf may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church
3427 Adams Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *My wife and I were talking about who was our favorite teacher ever. I said Mrs Rolf 2nd grade at Holy Cross. I decided to look her up and I'm glad I did. I can only imagine how many people this wonderful lady taught and touched with her kindness. I was blessed to see her in my high school years at church and had the greatest hug and shared memories..*

Eric Wurfel - March 16, 2024 at 08:07 PM



“ *Mrs. Elda C. Rolf*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Elda C. Rolf*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Rolf was my 4th grade teacher (and my favorite) at Holy Cross Lutheran. She was so kind and I always remember her with fondness. So sorry for your loss.*

Emily Sherman-Bender

Emily Sherman-Bender - March 19, 2022 at 12:54 AM

MM

“ Mark and I had the privilege of working with Elda when we were at Holy Cross in Saginaw from 1976-1986. She was such a kind, gentle & wise teaching colleague and as such was widely respected by all who knew her - teachers, parents, & students alike. Her Christian faith shone bright in all she did. We are saddened at her passing but rejoice in knowing she rests in the arms of her Savior.
Mark & Sally Matzke

Mark & Sally Matzke - March 07, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ Here husband eugene was a Eugenia. first cousin. so sorry we could not be with you at this time to renew old family memories. My husband Paul indicates that she was instrumental in getting his mother Eugenia Pollatz a teaching position at Holy cross back in 1954 or 55 when his father took a position as pastor at Redeemer in Saginaw during that time the family goes back to all the hertwig families in St paul Minn, where eugene's mother was a sister to his grandfather August Hertwig. are you now lost anyway it has been many years, god bless allof you rev paul and ruth pollatz in allen park Michigan .
we live in Garden city michigan.

Ruth Pollatz - March 07, 2022 at 02:19 PM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathy to all members of Mrs. Rolf’s immediate and extended family members and friends. Although we only knew ‘Mom’ during her visits with us here at our small country church in Vermont, her captivating smile and warm personality brought sunshine and happiness to all of us. We especially keep our friends Tom & Ruth Stewe and Rick Rolf in prayer as you experience this loss. May ‘Elda’ rest in peace and all whom she loved take comfort in knowing that she is now with our Lord and Savior in Heaven. Lee & Sheila Walther, Barre Town, VT

R. Lee Walther - March 07, 2022 at 10:23 AM

HT

“ Over 7 decades ago, I was overjoyed to be the flower girl at Aunt Elda’s wedding. Although only 6 years old, I still remember that long swishy dress. She made me feel so confident, just like her.

When Elda went to high school and college, she took the train. On each return trip to Itasca she brought her mom one piece of a set of pretty rainbow-colored dishes. I have had the complete set for years and use them daily, remembering their history and Elda’s caring nature.

Thank you, Rick, for bringing Elda to my home for our annual Christmas visit. Our family is grateful for the time spent with both of you.

Rest in peace, Elda.
Love, Harriet

Harriet M. Tedrahn - March 06, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elda C. Rolf.*



March 06, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the Rolf family on the passing of your mom. She was an incredibly wonderful, compassionate, caring, loving, God-fearing woman that we had the pleasure of knowing, not only as lifelong members at Peace Church but as neighbors on Passolt Street. It has been several years but I remember my last chat with your mom, sitting in her living room, and just being amazed at how she would light up any room she walked into with her smile and beautiful personality! May God continue to wrap his loving arms around each and everyone of you as you journey through this process. So happy we had the pleasure of knowing her! We shall meet again, RIP, Fondly, The Larry and Marie Glick Family*

Ann Glick - March 04, 2022 at 10:42 AM

BU

One of my best friends in grade school at Peace was John Rolf. I was at the Rolf home often. It was difficult when both John and I had his dad as a teacher in 7th grade. Elda always told me it would be ok and Gene would not favor his son. John and I roomed together at Concordia Ann Arbor for 2 years. I knew the Rolf family pretty well. And sadly my roommate John died not long ago at the age of 68. How sad for Elda to lay a son of hers to rest, but yet I think she knew here time was soon. She was probably one of the best examples of a Christian I have ever met. She walked the talk. She lived long for a reason because no one knows how many people she influenced over those many years on earth. Peace Lutheran was her life as was for my parents. Her dedication and love of God's house at Peace Lutheran was a witness to her faith. So many people of her generation have died and gone to eternity. We pray for her and her family as they celebrate her new life, the very best life. I so much look forward to the Peace Legacy Reunion that will be held this August at Peace. We will remember the Rolf's at that reunion as they were all so much part of the legacy. Driving by the Rolf Home on Passolt when I am in town brings back a lot of memories, and surely this wonderful lady will be missed. God finally decided he wanted her in his heavenly Home. Bud Umbach

Bud Umbach - March 04, 2022 at 05:04 PM

CH

Always a smile and always interested in what you were doing.

Chris Hertz - March 05, 2022 at 03:58 PM

DS

Our family is very sorry to hear of Mrs Rolf's passing. She was a wonderful Christian lady who always had a great smile to greet you. I remember spending many days of my youth playing with Jim and Rick in the yard and Mrs Rolf was always very inviting to all the kids on the block. All of us kids that lived on and around Passolt had great parents that we all looked up to with great respect. It was a great place and time to grow up in. It is difficult to say goodbye to these wonderful parents, but our memories of them will live on in our children and grandkids. Mrs Rolf lived a long and great life and she will be missed. Our deepest condolences to the family.

David, Bob and Jim Sonntag

David J Sonntag - March 09, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elda C. Rolf.*



March 04, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ *What a blessing to meet Elda when her son Rick served as youth paraprofessional at St. Mark Lutheran in Kentwood back in the 80's. Her zest for leading others to the Lord, through teaching and evangelism, shown through in every encounter with her. May the peace of Christ give comfort to all the family. Pastor Rodney and Phyllis Otto*

The Ottos - March 03, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *Elda is one of the wisest women I have ever known. Her demeanor was always calm, friendly, positive. She had all the qualities desirable for a Christian teacher. Any word she spoke was carefully considered but delivered rather quickly and confidently. She corrected me on a number of occasions.*

Gene was much like her in the way he walked with Jesus. It saddened me that he died so soon after retiring. It was my honor to do his funeral and bear witness to the faithfulness of his life and the faithfulness of his Savior. The same will be said of Elda and her Savior.

Pastor Ed Kast

Pastor Ed Kast - March 03, 2022 at 12:14 PM

SK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Elda’s passing. But we also celebrate that she is with our Lord in Heaven.

Elda was always so loving and was an inspiration to all around her. We will miss seeing her so. There is nothing like a hug from Elda.

God grant you peace. The family is in our prayers.

*Love,
Sue and Bryan Korth*

Sue and Bryan Korth - March 03, 2022 at 11:29 AM

KT

“ What a beautiful lady inside and out. She has been my neighbor since 1989 when I bought my home. Also one of the first neighbors to come visit and introduce herself. She has always amazed me on how independent she was. The neighborhood will miss her smiling face, occasional wave, her beautiful flowers and many more things to long to list. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. 🙏

Karen Twaro - March 03, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elda C. Rolf.



March 03, 2022 at 08:47 AM

RS

“ To the family of Elda Rolf, I first met Elda in 1976 through evangelicalism and she was a wonderful woman and all through the years she had a kind heart gentle smile i cherish those moments. May the Lord comfort you during this time

Ruth Swarthout - March 02, 2022 at 09:37 PM

GM

“ I was privileged to know both Elda and Gene Rolf, long before we came to be members at Peace Lutheran. We were members at Trinity, Bethlehem and Good Shepherd before we came here, and the Rolfs were well known members of the Lutheran Community. It was a closely knit community, and, every year, during Lent, and at other special services, we would see each other on Sunday afternoons at the Civic Auditorium for Joint Lutheran Services (in the days when all Lutherans got along!) As the years went on, we didn't see her as often. The opportunities were no longer available, but several years ago, when we transferred to Peace from Good Shepherd, we were so pleased to see her again, and I introduced Yoko to her of course, because a lot of us "old timers" usually sat together up towards the front, and we were usually early, so we could chat a bit before the service. Elda was a wonderful lady -- 4 years older than myself -- who always wore that engaging smile. She will surely be missed. Now she is at rest. May the Lord keep her in his loving arms until we see her once again -- for some of us, not long from now, in all probability. Our sincere sympathy to the Rolf Family. Gene & Yoko Mossner

Gene & Yoko Mossner - March 02, 2022 at 09:17 PM

VR

“ Dear family of Mrs. Rolf,
I had the pleasure of being one of her students in the 4th grade at Holy Cross. What a wonderful, sweet lady & blessing she was to so many!! I'd see her at Kroger, my brothers station (Grauf's service) or somewhere in the area through the years and she always had a hug & a kind word!! May you find peace & comfort in wonderful memories and the fact that she is with her Lord & Savior!!
Vicki (Grauf) Reinbolt

Vicki Reinbot - March 02, 2022 at 04:38 PM

CH

“ To the Rolf family,
May you find Peace in the days ahead during this difficult time. Elda was such a blessing to so many people. Her love of God and her family and her church family was evident in everything she did. May your memories of her keep a smile on your face and remind you of the Love of God, she so embraced.

Cathy Beiser Haglund

Cathy Beiser Haglund - March 02, 2022 at 04:16 PM