



Elda Verlette Kuiper

August 7, 1934 - December 22, 2024

Racine - Elda Verlette Kuiper, 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at Elizabeth Gardens in Racine.

Elda was born on August 7, 1934, to the late Diedrich and Kathryn (nee Pankratz) Adrian in Munich, North Dakota. Elda was united in marriage to Delbert Bailey in June of 1956, and in June of 1983, she was united in marriage to Dowie Kuiper, who preceded her in death in 2004.

Elda's career as a registered nurse spanned 25 years in Racine, where she served at facilities such as Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare and St. Luke's Hospital. Nursing was more than a career for her; it was a calling, and she was immensely proud of her work in the field.

A devout member of Calvary Memorial Church since 1971, Elda was deeply involved in the church community. She participated in women's Bible studies, assisted with VBS, taught Sunday School, and was the nurse at summer youth camps. Her faith also inspired her to travel, including a life-changing visit to Israel and a medical mission trip to Guatemala, experiences that brought her great joy and fulfillment.

Elda will be deeply missed by her children: Cynthia Goodremote (Charles), Keith Bailey (SueEllen), Steven Bailey (Sara), and Kevin Bailey (Rocio);

grandchildren: Chad (Kayla), Crystal (Jeramiah), Chayce, Stephanie (Cody), Heather, Moriah (David), Issac (Rebecca), Shiloh, Bethany, Jacob, Blue (Macy), and Hunter; great-grandchildren: Ava, Alexa, Khloey, Keelyn, Zoie, and Noah; siblings: Richard (Jan) Adrian and Frances Jones; along with many other relatives and friends.

Elda was preceded in death by her husband, Dowie; daughter, Susan Gunderson; and sisters: Marcella Fjeld and Carol Johnson.

A celebration of Elda's life will be held at Wilson Funeral Home on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. Memorials in Elda's name may be directed to Samaritan's Purse (<https://samaritanspurse.org/> or PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607).

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Elizabeth Gardens and St. Croix Hospice for their wonderful care for Elda.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Elda always shared many Bible verses that would go along with our women's Bible study. I remember she always could say the verses one after another by heart. She loved God's Word.*

*My sincere sympathy to the family.
-Janice Pezoldt*

Janice Pezoldt - January 08, 2025 at 01:38 PM

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“ *Elda was a friend of my late wife, Kathy Hansen. They worked together as nurses at St. Lukes Hospital for almost 25 years. Elda was a devout Christian women and my wife and I knew her and Dowie well. Prayers and sympathy to the family.*

Bill Hansen - December 29, 2024 at 08:37 AM