



Elsie S. Apt

February 4, 1923 - July 4, 2016

Elsie Sophia Apt, 93, of Corvallis passed away at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany on July 4, 2016.

Elsie was born in Coleharbor, North Dakota, to William and Sophia (Sayler) Rivinius. She was the third of nine children. When Elsie was 3 years old, the family moved to Ridgeview, South Dakota. The next 22 years were spent growing up on a wheat farm. Elsie received her high school diploma in 1941 from Plainview Academy, Redfield, South Dakota. In 1945, she and two sisters left the Midwest and traveled to Spokane, Washington, by train. They had never seen forested mountains or tunnels and initially felt a bit claustrophobic. Elsie wrote that she counted exactly 28 tunnels. She attended Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington, from 1945 to 1948 and completed her education in 1967 when she received her B.S. in Education from what was known as Oregon College of Education in Monmouth.

Elsie met Russell Apt in German class at Walla Walla College. Friendship turned to love and they were married in College Place, Washington, June 8, 1948. They settled in Corvallis and welcomed a daughter, Gloria, in 1949, and a son, Bill, in 1951. The family relocated to Newport in 1955. When Bill started first grade, Elsie began teaching elementary school in Siletz. For four years she took Bill and Gloria with her as she drove the 17 miles around exactly 71 curves (she counted) to get to school on time. When she retired in 1983, she

had taught in Siletz, Newport and Waldport for a total of 25 years.

After retirement Elsie and Russell moved to Albany in 1986. For eight years they participated in delivering meals for the “Meals on Wheels” program. They also traveled to Canada, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Russia, Washington, D.C., and Europe. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary taking a Caribbean cruise with their family.

Elsie was very active in the Seventh-day Adventist church. She held many offices but serving as organist brought her the most joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and two sisters.

Survivors include husband, Russell of Corvallis; daughter Gloria Rasmussen (Keith) of Corvallis; son William Apt (Grant Molsberry) of Portland; granddaughters Kamila Hanson (Ryan) of Spokane, Washington, and Rochelle Rasmussen of Lexington, Kentucky; great-granddaughter Kylah Peterson; brothers Edwin (Ruth), Ervin (Betty Jo), and Fred; sisters Ruth Truax Amundson and Dionne Nick (Ed).

A family graveside service is being planned at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Memorial contributions can be made to Samaritan Evergreen hospice.

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Gloria Rasmussen - July 21, 2016 at 10:34 PM

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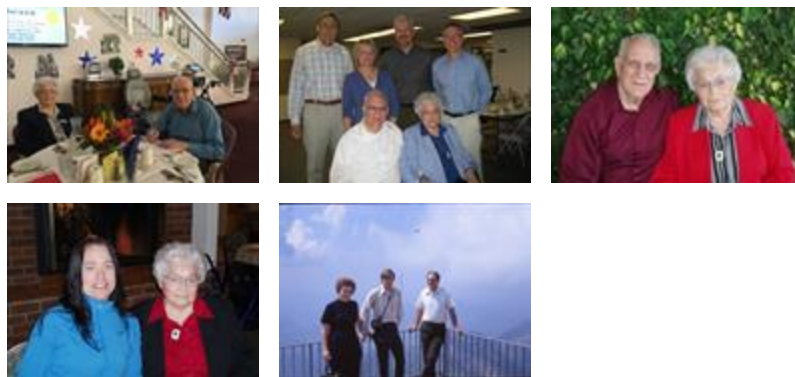
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Gloria Rasmussen - July 21, 2016 at 10:04 PM

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Gloria Rasmussen - July 21, 2016 at 10:00 PM

SF

“ Russell, I am saddened to hear that you have lost the love of your life. Isn't it wonderful that one day soon, you will meet up again and live forever? I remember your family well when I was a young girl in Corvallis. You were a beautiful couple, and Elsie was such a gentle person. I must say, I didn't know that she was a teacher, but I'm sure she was perfect for the job! I remember the Saturday night gatherings at Jerry and Joe's, grown ups playing India inside, the kids outside playing tag and flying Dutchman. May God's angels wrap their wings around you and your family and hold you tightly during this time of sorrow. 'Til we meet again. Sandy Monroe (daughter of Jim and Irene) Farmer.

Sandy Monroe Farmer - July 14, 2016 at 11:20 PM

CT

“ Elsie was a gracious hostess, welcoming the in- laws as family. I loved her sparkle and hint of mischief. Thanks, Elsie!

Clare Thompson - July 14, 2016 at 03:49 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss and offer my deepest, most sincere condolences to the family. She was such a classy, beautiful lady and one of the first people I remember as a small child growing up in the Corvallis church. Always a lady, she somehow made a real impression on my young life and I always thought of her fondly as I grew and matured. She was Christ centered and her life showed it, always full of love and support, ever faithful. Life is too short but the next thing she will see and know is Jesus coming through the clouds of glory with His Heavenly Host, calling for His children to rise and meet Him in the air to go Home with Him to live forever.

*Linda Monroe
Hillsboro Oregon*

Linda Monroe - July 08, 2016 at 03:22 AM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the Apt family, may you find comfort in prayer and the beautiful words of Isaiah 25:8 where God promises us that He will soon eliminate all death and suffering.

Elda - July 07, 2016 at 08:03 PM

JR

“ Praying for you, Russ, and for your family at this difficult time of loss. Dan was happy that he got to visit with you both a few weeks ago, and play the organ, too. Elsie's music will always play in our hearts.

Jeanie Reed - July 07, 2016 at 09:55 AM