

Elsie Delaine Best

November 6, 1932 - April 21, 2026

Elsie Delaine Best, the daughter of Harley and Myrtle (Anfinson) Moen was born on November 6, 1932 in rural Denbigh, North Dakota. She died at the age of 93 years on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at SMP Health St. Andrew's in Bottineau, North Dakota.



Elsie was raised on her parent's ranch south of Denbigh. She attended country schools through the 8th grade, then went to high school in Towner. Growing up on her family's ranch brought various responsibilities for Elsie, she learned how to milk cows, feed calves and also helped during the haying season, mostly driving the stacker team and also with sweep raking. While she was in high school, she met her husband to be. On May 5, 1949, she was united in marriage to Gerald Best at Zion Lutheran Parsonage in Towner, North Dakota. To this union, they were blessed to raise three children.

Elsie and Gerald held various jobs in order to save and finally own a ranch of their own, it was their life desire. The love they had for each other, their family and ranch brought peace to their lives. Besides caring for their ranch, Gerald worked for 30 years for the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health and Elsie worked for the North Dakota Stockmen's Association for 20 years. Hard work was instilled in Elsie, she took pride in her work, was content and happy with what she had. She also took pride in herself, from her clothing to having herself put together from head to toe. Elsie was a member of the Norway Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church in Towner and Prairie Rose Homemaker Club of Denbigh. She was a sweet, kind-hearted lady, who above all loved her husband of over 64 years and her family, whom she was so proud of. She will be dearly missed, but will live on through her families legacy.

Elsie is survived by her daughter, Gloria Coyne (Darryl Carpenter) of Surrey; her son, Galen (Lara) Best of Towner; grandchildren, Kim Dille, Jon (Verna) Mahle, Gail Mahle (Terry Jones), Lynnette (Jesse) Vollmer, Scott (Melanie) Best, Anthony (Kristi) Best, Ryan (Casey) Best and Sutton (Kim) Best; 21 great grandchildren; 18 great great grandchildren; sister, Lorine Gustad of Buffalo, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Joyce McKinzie of Rugby; nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Best; a son and his wife, Ronald (Marcia) Best and infant son at birth, David Kent; son-in-law, John Coyne; brothers, Lloyd Moen and Myron Moen and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at

11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 30 at Zion Lutheran Church in Towner with burial after at Union Cemetery in Towner with lunch and fellowship to follow at the church. Wally Fretland, officiating.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service and sharing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home in Towner.

Obituary Reader: Tyler Vollmer
Scripture Reader: Anthony Best
Music by: Melanie Best & Connie Rosencrans

Casket Bearers: Scott Best, Anthony Best, Jon Mahle, Ryan Best, Sutton Best, Jesse Vollmer and Terry Jones

Honorary Bearers: Family and Friends

Arrangements with the Anderson Funeral Home of Towner. Online registry: www.funeralsbyanderson.com

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ur (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What is God's act of making the heavens and the earth called? *Confirmation, Calvary, Creation, Communion*
3. How many books of the Bible begin with the letter "E"? *0, 2, 5, 6*
4. What's a person who has changed from one religion to another? *Zealot, Convert, Mediator, Pillar*
5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? *Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah*
6. In biblical times, a daric was a Persian ...? *Gold coin, Headwear, Sailing ship, Well*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Creation, 3) Six (Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra), 4) Convert, 5) Lois, 6) Gold coin

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Robert Eugene Clark

September 12, 1965 - April 19, 2026

Robert Eugene Clark, 60, died at his home in Bottineau on Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2026.



Robert was born to Lloyd Norman Clark and his wife Sharon Ann Olafson in Deadwood, South Dakota on September 12, 1965. The family lived in several locations during his youth so Robert attended many schools including Mandan and Upham.

Robert worked in the construction field most of his life and also in hotels and stores in Colorado and North Dakota. He was employed by Seamless Siding of Western North Dakota for a period of time. In recent years he worked as a carpenter in the Bottineau area.

He maintains a residence in Gladstone, North Dakota but moved to Bottineau in 2009 to care for his mother.

He enjoyed going fishing, riding his motorcycle and especially computer activities.

He is survived by his mother, Sharon Carter - Bottineau, his brothers Lloyd - Bottineau, Johnny and his wife Kathy - Forest River, North Dakota, and Chad Keller - Golden Valley, Arizona and his sister, Sharry and her husband Jerry Johnson - Milnor, North Dakota. Many cousins and nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews will miss their uncle. He was preceded in death by his father in 2009, his grandparents, and a step daughter, Rose Thomas.

He will be remembered at a funeral on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at the Niewoehner Funeral Home in Rugby. Friends may call at the funeral home after 9 AM that morning. Later in the afternoon he will be buried at Bloomfield Lutheran Cemetery at Upham.

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Upham News

On Thursday, Diana Brandt was a caller at the Shirley Vormestrand home.

On Friday Mary Boehnke was among those that attended the family services held for Grant Boenke at the Nero Funeral Home.

Debbie Brandt was a Sunday caller and brought lunch to the Diana Brandt Home.

Shirley Vormestrand and Mary Natwick were Bottineau callers on Tuesday.

Mary Boenke was among those that attended the grand March of the prom held at Towner on Saturday evening.

Steve and Donna Nelson were Tuesday evening callers at the Diana Brandt home.

Alan Vormestrand has been a recent call at the Shirley Vormestrand Home. Sympathy is extended to the family of Elsie Best of Denbigh. She passed away on Tuesday at the Bottineau hospital.

Happy Birthday to Derry Burckhard, Lane Frederickson and Dwayne Vormestrand.

Have you ever noticed how some minds are like concrete - all fixed all mixed up and firmly set.

Bingo will begin on Friday, May 1st at the Upham Legion Hall.

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Copy and Legals can be submitted to msrvrjnl@srt.com
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United Community Baptist Church
Tom Houck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
St. Martin Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout
Service @ 9 am, with Sunday School & Bible study at 8:00am
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun.
DEERING
Deering Lutheran Congregation
Pastor David Myers (240-4225)
Bethany (838-5196); Lay Pastor Daniel Bauder; Organist Diane Mogard
Sunday Worship: 11:15a.m.; Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
DRAKE
United Methodist
Ph #: 465- 3757
Worship Service: 8:30 am

Trinity Lutheran
Worship service-9:30am every Sunday
St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. Tom Graner, 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am; 4th & 5th Sundays of the month 10:30 am
GRANVILLE
Hope Congregational United Church of Christ
Rev Cheryl McCullough
Sunday Worship: 10am; Women's Guild: 2nd Sunday of month
First Lutheran Church of Granville
Guest Speaker
Sun. Worship Service:9:00 am
KARLSRUHE
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Sunday Mass: 8:30am
KIEF
Liberty Baptist Church
Pastor Steve Martin
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am; Sunday School 9:00 am

KONGSBERG
St. John's Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout Sunday Service: 10am; Bible Study 11am
NORWICH
Norwich Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Ben Carlsen
Sun.Worship Service: 11 am; Handicapped Accessible. WELCA: 1st Thursday of the month at 2pm
Church of The Nazarene
Sunday School: 10:00 am; Morning Worship: 11:00 am; Evening Worship 7:00 pm;
TOWNER
The Church of St. Cecilia
Rev. Michael Schommer
Mass: Sat.: 5:00 pm.
Sun. 10am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm
Presbyterian Church
Sunday Church services at 9:30am
Presbyterian Women meet 2nd Wednesday at 1:30.
Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday school at 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Faith Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Pastor Jonathon Bonine
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30am-8:00am

Sunday Worship: 8:00am
Sunday School: 9:30am
Adult Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:30pm, until further notice
UPHAM
New Hope Lutheran
9:30 am worship
Sunday School 10:00 am
Bethlehem St. John Missouri Synod Church Adult Bible Class 9:45, Sunday School 9:45, Church services 11:00am.
VELVA
Oak Valley Lutheran
Worship 5:30 pm, Saturday

evening
10am Sunday morning.
Velva United Methodist
Geoff Hilton, Pastor
Sundays: Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Junior Church during Sermon for children ages 6 and younger; Wednesdays: Midweek Ministries 6:30-7:30 p.m. PreK-1st grade and 2nd-4th grades at the church, grades 5th-6th and Confirmation classes at Velva City Hall.
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Saturday 5PM/ Sunday 10:30 AM

WILLOW CITY
1st Presbyterian Church
No Church Services
Presbyterian Women @ 10:00 am on 3rd Wednesday unless notified.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rev. Christopher Neuendorf
Worship Service at 9:30a.m.
First Lutheran Church
9:30 am church services.
Notre Dame Catholic Church
1st and 4th Suns., Sat. Evening at 5:00pm; 2nd Sun. at 11:00am; 3rd and 5th Sun. at 9:00am. Weekday Mass is Thursday at 9:00am.

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