

Elaine Marie Strom

of Mora, Minnesota passed away on August 20, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. She was 89 years old.

Elaine was born on March 14, 1929 in the hospital on Maple Ave. and Union St., Mora, MN, to parents John Wesley and Emma (Jackson) Clark who lived on a farm south of Mora.

Elaine attended Mora high school where she met Donald Ralph Strom. She invited him to a dinner prepared and hosted by her Home Economics class when she was 13 and he was 15. Don and Elaine dated during high school and married September 14, 1944.

Don was drafted in 1945 and they lived briefly in California where their first child, Barbara, was born. After the end of WWII they moved to the Twin Cities area to work and raise their five children.

As mother and wife Elaine lived a full and productive life. One of her first jobs was at Sears on Lake Street, Minneapolis, filling catalog orders of fabric. Elaine moved on to employment at a number of restaurants in succession where she gained a reputation as an efficient excellent cook, waitress and hostess.

Elaine was devoted to the Pioneer Girls program at her church, and served as leader of, and mentor to young girls. She spent many summer weeks cooking and managing the kitchen at Pioneer Girls Camp Cherith, St. Croix State Park. During all this work of serving others Elaine earned her GED and gained her license to sell real estate along the way.

Over time Elaine had honed her management skills. She gained a reputation for efficiently managing several large apartment complexes in Minneapolis and suburbs. Her faithful husband Don worked alongside her caring for the maintenance of the apartments.

Elaine's family, friends, and associates rise up and call her blessed!



Preceded in death by daughter Colleen Strom; daughter-in-law Cherry Strom; great granddaughter Teagan Berry.

Survived by children Barbara (Maurie) Clipperton, Douglas Strom, Cheryl (Ken) Carlson, Donnie Strom (Lonnie Shipley); grandchildren Andy Clipperton, Donelle (Brian) Hagland, Christy Strom, Kimberly Strom, Benjamin (Andrea) Strom, Shelly (Dan) Crooker, Stacey (Ryan) Berry, Jonathan (Jocelyn) Strom, Jolene (Ray) Law, Candra (Josh) Morrow, Jacob (Sarah) Carlson, Harley Johnson, and Paul Arrington; great grandchildren Isaiah, Isabelle, Michaela, Hannah, Zachariah, Samantha, Emma, Mason, Logan, Liam, Alexander, Cleo, Barrett, Eli, Abigail, Russel, Isaac, Micah, Elijah, Silas, Ryleigh, Titus, McCoy, Sutton, Knox, Brianna, William, Tyberius and Meredyth; two great, great grandchildren Isabella and Theodore Clipperton; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Donald Ralph Strom

of Mora, Minnesota, passed away on October 25, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. He was 96 years old.

Donald was born on April 12, 1927, at home, in Hillman Township, Mora, MN to Ralph and Ruth (Falk) Strom. He was one of six children: brothers, Robert, Roy, Allen, Dennis, and sister Eunice. Donald accepted Jesus as his Savior when he was age 13, during vacation bible school at Hillman Baptist Church, where his parents were founding members. He attended Bean Brook and Mora High School. That's where he met Elaine Marie Clark. They were married on September 14, 1944.

In July of 1945, when Donald was 18 years old, he was drafted into the Army during World War II. His unit was preparing for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. He served in the transportation corps, running the PX (Post Exchange) on a ship that transported war brides back to the states from England, Germany, and France. He attained the rank of corporal.

Don and Elaine settled in Bloomington, MN. They purchased their first home on 98th and Portland Ave in Bloomington. They had 5 children. In 1950 he started driving school bus for Bloomington Schools and retired as the Central Warehouse manager in 1985. Donald continued to work as the maintenance man at the apartment complex where they were apartment managers.

He retired a second time in 1999 and moved back to Mora where they had built a home on Knife Lake. Don loved living on the lake and loved taking his wife out for dinner on their pontoon boat named the Love Boat II. They especially liked to go to the part of the lake on Sunday evenings where they could see highway 65. They would put the anchor down and enjoy watching all the traffic heading home to the cities after a weekend at the lake knowing they were done traveling back and forth. He will be dearly missed.



Celebration of Life

Hillman Baptist Church

Mora, Minnesota

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

11:00 am

Prelude Vicki Vork & Barb Clipperton

Welcome Maurie Clipperton

Scripture Reading Psalm 23

Prayer

Reading of the Obituary

Grandpa Memories Stacey Strom Berry & Jolene Law

Special Music *You Are My Life* Andy Clipperton

Video Cheryl Strom Carlson

Eulogy Randy & Sherry Strom

Candlelight Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Benediction

Recessional

Military Honors by Mora American Legion Post 201

*Please join the family for a luncheon
and time of fellowship following the service.*

PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT

Oakwood Cemetery

Mora, Minnesota

-Psalm 23

Hamilton Funeral Homes – Akkerman Chapel – Mora, Minnesota
www.hamiltonfhs.com

Forever in our Hearts



Donald Strom

April 12, 1927

October 25, 2023

