



## Elsie M. Anderson

November 8, 1935 - January 28, 2017

Elsie M. Anderson, 81, of Covenant Village, Northbrook, IL, went to be with her Lord on January 28, 2017. Elsie was born on November 8, 1935 in Jamestown, NY to Ernest and Esther Anderson. Elsie was a graduate of Jamestown High School and North Park College. She began her career at Banker's Trust Company in Jamestown where she eventually became Vice President of the Bank's Trust Department. After moving to Chicago, she worked in the Trust Department of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Upon retiring, she moved to Venice, FL for several years before returning to live at Covenant Village of Northbrook. Elsie loved music and was a member of First Covenant Church in Jamestown where she was also the organist for several years. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ as well as attending concerts of classical and sacred music. She was a member of the Winnetka Covenant Church in her later years. Her strong Christian faith and her kind gracious spirit were qualities by which she was known to many. Elsie was greatly loved by her family and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her brother, Harold (the late Elsie) Anderson of Southern Pines, NC and her sister, Middy (Don) Crellin of Rochester, MN as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services will be held at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. Memorial gifts may be sent to Covenant Care Hospice, 3755 E. Main Street, Ste. 165, St. Charles, IL 60174 or Covenant World Relief, 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Elise was a kind, loving and generous sister-in-law. She was so attentive to our children and we had many wonderful times at family reunions especially when she lived in Florida. On visits she would play piano or organ in our churches...a very talented person. We will miss her but cherish our fond memories. She is now in the loving arms of Jesus.....Don

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**Don Crellin** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

BR

“ Aunt Elsie was our sunshine. She had such a gift of hospitality and encouragement and used her gifts in her home in Chicago and Venice , FL. She shared her love for music by playing the piano and organ and taking her family to concerts. Our sunshine will be missed, but we know that Elsie loved Jesus, her Savior, and went home to Heaven.

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**Beth Roehr** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

GR

“ We loved going to our Great Aunt Elsie's house in FL. We have so many great memories at the beach, and orange groves! She was so loving! We will miss her greatly!

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**Gabriella and Matt Roehr** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

SR

“ Aunt Elsie played such an important role in our family and she will always have a special place in our hearts.

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**scott roehr** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ My sister was older than I and she taught me so much. She was always there for me and my family in happy events or in hard times. I will always cherish memories of her in my heart. Middy

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**Don Crellin** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

BL

“ I deeply miss Aunt Elsie and her gifts of hospitality. I treasure the memories I have with her at her apartment in Chicago with her famous Ginger Snap cookies and Yoplait yogurt. I also treasure memories in Michigan, the beach in Florida, and when she would treat us to whatever candy we wanted at the store. I am happy to know she is singing in heaven with Jesus!

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**Benjamin Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

EL

“ Growing up I remember when Aunt Elsie and I talked she always mentioned two things without fail. First, I looked forward to her asking "How are ya, Punkin?" (She said it exactly like that). Second, she always asked how my piano lessons were going. I cherished her appreciation for the arts and how she connected so deeply with God through music. Her own passion for piano and organ encouraged both my mom and I to also praise the Lord through playing music. Aunt Elsie will be remembered for her love of a good joke and her devotion to God and her family. She played countless hymns on earth, and now she can sing her favorites with her Heavenly Father. We love you Aunt Elsie!

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**Elise Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

CL

“ A very dear, special aunt who we all loved dearly- and boy did she LOVE us well. She encouraged all of us to love music. She also helped develop a greater appreciation in all of us for Swedish decor, prayers and hymns that spoke of Jesus. Each life season of mine, childhood through today, she walked beside me in thought, note, card, or call. She even bought me my first "career coat" after college and drove me to a couple of job interviews in Chicago. Always supportive, many times worried due to my assertive spirit, yet cheering as I raised my family. In recent months watching my own kids sit and sing beside her- holding her hand was pretty tender- but again, she did it so well and her radiant smile shined sweetly. That smile will be missed and also the coffee parties with yummy homemade cookies. "You are my SunSHINE- You made all of us happy- God is so good!"

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**Cheryl Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

JC

“ I will miss you Aunt Elsie. I always looked forward to visiting in Jamestown, Chicago and Venice. As a kid, in particular, I always looked forward to riding the bus downtown to Jamestown and meeting you at the bank. Then you would take me to lunch. I never could keep up with my Aunt Elsie when going for walks in the deep Jamestown snow either. Aunt Elsie sure could walk fast up and down the snowy Jamestown sidewalks. I am glad we could spend time with you at the beach, the mall, the parks, and listen to your wonderful piano and organ music too! I am looking forward to seeing you again and am happy for you now as you are with our Lord Jesus. I am thankful I could be part of your life and definitely thankful that you are part of mine.

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**John Crellin** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

SL

“ Aunt Elsie was a steadfast, caring, thoughtful lady. She went out of her way to make someones day. She made my birthday extra special in Florida with a coconut cake and also always sent cards by mail for holidays. I will always cherish our precious moments on the Michigan beach around the campfire with you. I miss you deeply Elsie, but it's sweet to think you are with Jesus singing and playing the piano with the angels in Heaven!

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**Sarah Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ I have special memories of Aunt Elsie. Aunt Elsie and I had the unique bond of being the "tall ones" of the family. I remember special times visiting her in Chicago on our way to visit Mom & Dad in Ohio. Our visits almost always included Giordano's Pizza and the many fun flavors of ice cream she kept in her freezer. Trips to downtown Chicago on the "L", walks by Lake Michigan, Navy Pier, the Chicago Botanic Garden and Shedd Aquarium were favorites! We also enjoyed our times in the Venice & Sarasota with Elsie. She loved watching the kids (including us :-)) play in the ocean and was great about fixing a fun lunch to enjoy along the water. And who can forget the fun trips to Pizza & Pipes--the grown up version of Chuck E Cheese. We will miss Elsie. She had a special place in our hearts and always will. We are thankful that she knew Jesus as her Savior and Lord and is rejoicing with Him now.

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**Lori Crellin** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

KR

“ Aunt Elsie was much more like a third grandma to me than an aunt. She had Tim and I over for sleepovers frequently and the little routines we had bring back such sweet memories. Walks to the park, going to dunkin donuts in the evening to pick out our one donut for breakfast (usually strawberry frosted), watching a movie, and sweet dreams. We spent so many evenings or holidays around her dining room table, being spoiled by her cooking. Our birthdays were only a few days apart so we usually celebrated together along with Dad. It's so hard to believe she's gone but I'm so thankful that she's resting with our Savior. Love you Aunt Elsie!!!

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**Kate Reilly** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

KL

“ I'm grateful for the opportunity to share life with Elsie as she welcomed me into the family. I can remember at the beginning, while just starting to date Cheryl, we worshipped at North Park Covenant, grilled hamburgers at River Park, and shared Martino's pizza around her kitchen table. Later on, Elsie hosted our after-wedding party. Though Elsie had a quiet and gentle spirit, on occasion I could really get her going, especially on topics like Sweden, the Covenant or life as a Trust Officer in Jamestown, NY. Elsie was always generous, caring, and showed her love for family with a servant's heart. She will be missed by all of us.

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**Kevin Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

PL

“ I remember with fondness the memories I have with Elsie. As a child I spent many Christmas breaks with her on vacation at her house in Florida visiting the beaches and eating lots of seafood. She also came to every Crellin family reunion in Michigan where I began to tease and get teased back by her. Even though she will be missed I am happy she is in Heaven with Jesus.

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**Peter Larson** - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

LT

“ Aunt Elsie was definitely a special person. She was the patient, constant, always supportive aunt. She made all of us feel special, I would venture to say that ALL of us, her nieces and nephews, would say, "I was Aunt Elsie's favorite"! That's because she made each one of us feel that way. She had a way of being 100% there for you! Memories: giving me my home perms; Saturday night sleepovers then going to church; buying nice clothes for me; always accompanying me on the piano with my clarinet (and not laughing); making ham balls; she always came to every school event; visiting her at the bank and having lunch; listening to her practice the organ at church; her Chicago apartment open to everyone; too many things to list. Her gentle spirit will always be remembered. I hope our crazy families brought joy into her life as well. Miss and love you, Els

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Linda Tufts - June 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

DA

“ I have many memories of Aunt Elsie - from Jamestown, Chicago and Florida. When I was young I would get to spend the night at Grandmas and Aunt Elsie every now and then. The evening might include making cookies or popcorn and playing games like Chinese checkers. When I was a little older sometimes I would go with her to church to listen to her practice the organ. It was fun to roam the sanctuary or relax in the choir loft listening to incredible music. My love for music - especially classical music - I owe to Aunt Elsie. She accompanied my trumpet playing at state competitions or recitals. I will remember a number of things about her - gentle spirit, generosity, her laugh and probably most of all her musical talent and love of music. Peace to her memory.

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Don Anderson - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

CA

“ So many fond memories...countless pizza nights, picnics, holiday meals, birthday "lunch and shopping" dates, Elsie watching the kids so we could have a night out...always enjoyed the times we spent together with Elsie. I am so grateful for the love and care she so graciously shared with us.

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**Chris Anderson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

BA

“ I feel so fortunate to have had Elsie as my Aunt and live near her for a large part of my life. She was a big part of our lives and was always there for us as we were raising our family. I remember many good times with her and Grandma back in Jamestown , even watching Saturday Night Live with them ( how cool were they?). Aunt Elsie was there to help us celebrate weddings , births , baptisms, anniversaries ,and birthdays. Always willing to lend a helping hand with a kind giving spirit. Our family was blessed because of her and her love of us all. It is a comfort to know that because she accepted our Lord and Savior she is with him now.

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**Bill Anderson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

BA

“ *Elsie Anderson was a great person in every sense of the word - and an especially wonderful aunt. We used to stay overnight on Saturday nights with her and grandma and grandpa, drinking coffee and watching Gunsmoke - having a great time. Before she worked at the Bank she spent some time behind the counter at the Fanny Farmer Candy Store in Jamestown - she always had a free piece of chocolate or two to hand out. Every year for music competitions she would accompany my trumpet solos on the piano - not only did I never have to worry that she wouldn't keep the right tempo, but she could magically cover for any mistakes made. I always enjoyed those evenings when she invited me to be her bodyguard as she practiced the organ at First Covenant - it felt good to help her feel safe - besides I enjoyed the sound of the big pipe organ and sometimes I would stand up in the balcony and dare her to pump the volume all the way up to four red lights on the organ console - and let rip Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor - she would, and the entire building felt like it was coming down - I'm listening to it right now - for her. Check it out - <https://youtu.be/ho9rZjlsyYY> Her first car was a VW Bug - a few years later she got very cool and bought a 1971 Chevy Monte Carlo - very sharp - still is I think - then she got even cooler in 1974 and sold it to me - my first car. She was a fun person, and a kind person, and it was so good to see her go to work for Covenant Trust - not only helping to establish an institution that makes a huge difference in the work of the Covenant Church around the world - but she took care of people one by one as if they mattered to her personally, because they did. Aunt Elsie was a generous and loving person with every part of herself - she loved God and music and her family, and she has left an indelible mark on all of us. I am thankful for the influence she had in my life. Peace to her memory!*

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**Bob Anderson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

BA

“ Aunt Elsie was one of the most kind hearted people I have ever met. Most of the memories I have of her are from Florida. She would have our family over for the most delicious dinners followed by yummy GingerSnap cookies! She will be missed...Love you Aunt Elsie!!

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**Brittany Anderson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

KA

“ Aunt Elsie was a blessing in my life! When I think of her, I will always remember her sweet smile and laugh, her loving acts of kindness, and her gentle spirit. Grandma Anderson and Aunt Elsie opened up their cozy apartment upstairs in their home for Don and me to live in for our first place to call "home." Aunt Elsie always was checking to make sure we had everything we needed but also respected the newlyweds privacy! I will cherish all the wonderful dinners and conversations around the table. Thank you for being so special, Aunt Elsie!

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**Kass Anderson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

KL

“ My Great Aunt Elsie was such a sweet and loving person to everyone and was also very witty too! I am grateful for the times my family visited her when I was young and also when she moved back to Illinois and we were able to go out for lunch after church. I always loved visiting her at her home for dinners; she was a great cook and always made sure to include a delicious treat for us kids! She will be greatly missed by all, but I am happy to know that she is in a better place!

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**Kari Lindahl** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

CC

“ I will always remember "Aunt" Elsie as the world's most gracious hostess! I enjoyed many incredible meals at her beautiful Chicago apartment, filled with Swedish crystal and music! I was blessed to spend many Christmas holidays with her at my sister's house. She was loving, kind and fun. She absolutely adored all of her nieces and nephews and was the kind of Aunt all kids deserve. I will miss her dearly. Rest in peace, Aunt Elsie.

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**Cindi Carlson** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

NC

“ One memory that stuck out to me with Elsie was to go to her house while we were in Florida and spend the night and eat dinner with her.

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**Nathan Crellin** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM

BT

“ Elsie was friends with Loren Hunt; he taught music and ran the chorus at Maple Grove Jr.-Sr. High School, near Jamestown. Elsie used to help him out with music productions and concerts. She seemed a nice person and Mr. Hunt really appreciated her -- I suspect seeing the high school'ers running wild made Elsie appreciate her day job.

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**Bryan T** - April 27, 2018 at 04:30 AM