

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Elsa Banyai**

**Born to Alvilda (Hellickson) and Andrew Hollom**  
June 27, 1930 ~ Squaw Gap, North Dakota

**Returned to Her Heavenly Father**  
September 22, 2024 ~ Sidney, Montana

**Funeral Services**  
Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
Zion Lutheran Church ~ Fairview, Montana

**Officiating**  
Pastor Richard Evans

**Casketbearers**  
Colten Schneider   Scott Andreasen   Aaron Eustice  
Brody Eustice   Brady Eustice   Rod Elken

**Honorary Casketbearer**  
Danny Donley

**Ushers**  
Jerry Brown   Ron Haase

**Music Selections**  
"I'll Fly Away" ~ Alan Jackson  
"Church in the Wildwood" ~ The Statler Brothers  
"What a Day That Will Be" ~ Craig Finsaas

**Final Resting Place**  
Fairview Cemetery ~ Fairview, North Dakota

**Arrangements By**  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, Montana



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Elsa Alvina Hollom Banyai was born June 27, 1930, to Alvilda and Andrew Hollom. She grew up on a farm in the Girard community with her parents, sisters Lorraine, Myrtle, and Evelyn, and one brother Oral.

Elsa attended school through eighth grade and rode horse five miles each way even in severe blizzards. After eighth grade she attended school in Sidney while living with a pastor and babysitting children. She graduated high school at the age of 16 and went on to attend college for two years. After college she had various jobs. One of her favorites was the ASCS office and she always had stories to tell about many farmers. She later moved to Boulder, MT where she retired after fifteen years of working at the state hospital.

Elsa was blessed with four children who were the love of her life, and she worked very hard to support: Arlys, Robert, Cindy and Larry. Elsa loved to quilt and really enjoyed the time spent with Quilting Ladies at Zion Lutheran Church. She kept very busy with her flowers, gardening and feeding all the neighborhood cats. She also loved to dance. One thing she was always very proud of was running the Governor's Cup at the age of 76.

Elsa was blessed with five grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren, with the latest being only two days old. Elsa had a special bond with her great-great-granddaughter Paisley who visited her weekly at Extended Care where they both looked forward to their milkshakes made with love from Dorothy.

Elsa passed away on Sunday September 22, 2024 at Sidney Health Center with family by her side.

Elsa is survived by her children Arlys Lewis of Fairview, MT and Robert Sunderland (Barb) of Whitehall, MT; grandchildren Vickie Howard (Dan) of Livingston, MT, Lisa Elken (Rodney) of Fairview, MT, Brian Sunderland of Whitehall, MT, Kristen Sunderland of Phoenix, AZ, and Beth Hartford of Helena, MT; great-grandchildren Danielle Eustice (Aaron) of Sidney, MT, Brittany (Scott) Andreasen of Fairview, MT, Colten Schneider (Sierra) of Fairview, MT, Ashley (Dakota) Orozco of Wichita, KS, Daniel Chizek of Seattle, WA, and Ryan Bauer of Miles City, MT; great-great-grandchildren Brody, Brady, Bradley and Brawley Eustice of Sidney, MT, Paisley and Paxten Andreasen of Fairview, MT, Emery Schneider of Fairview, MT, and Allistar and Alarielle Orozco of Wichita, KS; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Alvilda and Andrew; two children Larry and Cindy Sunderland; husband; sisters Lorraine Haase, Evelyn Hollom, and Myrtle Garten; brother Oral Hollom; and son in law Gary Lewis.

Special thanks to the Sidney Health Center Extended Care for the love and care you shared with Mom and grandma. We appreciate you. She will be greatly missed.

*"I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me."*

*- Philippians 4:13*

