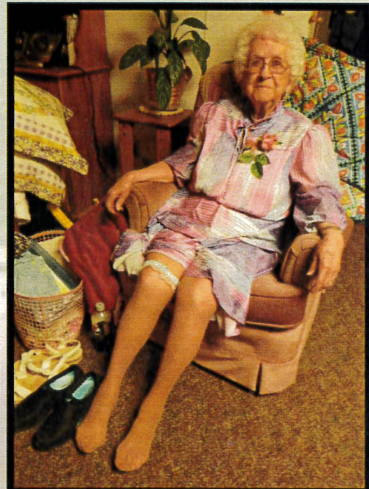


*Angel Of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's Love commits me  
here, ever this day,  
be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.*



## **Evelyn Francis Stenbak Axelson**

**Born Alvin and Martha Tancre**  
November 12, 1925 ~ Ray, North Dakota

**Called Home to Her Heavenly Father**  
August 5, 2022 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

### **Her Funeral Mass**

Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM  
St. Thomas Catholic Church  
Tioga, North Dakota

### **Officiating**

Fr. Corey Nelson

### **Accompanist**

Sharon Anderson

### **Music Selections**

"On Eagles Wings" ~ #336  
"Eye Has Not Seen" ~ #355  
"Be Not Afraid" ~ #346  
"How Great Thou Art" ~ #291

### **Pallbearers**

Larry Axelson      Ron Kerr  
Jerald Ogden      Jon Resler  
Roger Stiegelmeier      Norman Stenbak

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

All Of Evelyn's Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandchildren

### **Final Resting Place**

United Cemetery  
Tioga, North Dakota

### **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Tioga, North Dakota

*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y



*Evelyn Stenbak Axelson*

*November 12, 1925 ~ August 5, 2022*

Evelyn Stenbak Axelson's earthly life ended Friday, August 5, 2022 at the Tioga Medical Center in Tioga, North Dakota.

Evelyn had lived nearly 97 years since her birth on November 12, 1925. Her parents, Alvin and Martha (Hickle) Tancre, farmed south of Ray where Evelyn grew up. She attended Ray High School and worked at the Ray Café.

She recently enjoyed telling the story of meeting Ralph Stenbak when he was dating her cousin. After the cousin moved to the west coast, Ralph and his brother came to the Ray Café while she was working, ordered coffee, and sat there all afternoon. After work she walked to the theater and heard someone call her name. It was Ralph and his brother. Ralph took her arm and said, "You're going to the show with me tonight." He bought tickets and found seats for them and only remembered he'd left his brother outside when Evelyn asked about him.

Evelyn and Ralph were married on November 17, 1943. They had four children and made their home in Tioga until moving to Williston after Ralph's retirement. During their marriage they enjoyed playing whist, taking vacations to visit family, and spending time with family in the area.

When Ralph died in 2007, Evelyn moved back to Tioga to the Independent Living Apartments. She enjoyed music, dancing, playing bingo and all the activities held there. This is where she met Kenny Axelson. They were married on October 3, 2015, both at the age of 90. Anyone who witnessed their courtship and marriage saw a youthful romance that brought happiness to Evelyn's last years. Evelyn was widely known for her baking. She enjoyed making bread, buns, donuts, and pie and gave it as gifts to many people. She also enjoyed crocheting and made many afghans, lap-ropes and doilies to give away. Evelyn was an excellent seamstress, every year she handmade Easter dresses for her daughters.

In addition to Ralph, Evelyn was preceded in death by daughter, Karen (David) Estby, daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Ron Johnson; grandson, Mike Stenbak; an unborn grandchild; her parents; mother-and father-in-law, Ole and Dena (Solseth) Stenbak; two brothers; one sister; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law.

Evelyn is survived by husband, Kenny Axelson and his three children, Margery (Steve) Mortenson of Kronenwetter, WI, Larry (Val) Axelson of Powers Lake, ND, Greg (Amy) Axelson of Williston, ND; Evelyn's two children, son, David (Janice) Stenbak of Sun City, AZ, daughter, Laurie (Roger) Stiegelmeier of Claremont, SD; sister, Sharon (Harry) Ellis of Champaign, IL; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

