

Yvonne Elizabeth (Elton) Cook was born July 10, 1934, to Alfred and Grace (Christensen) Elton, the oldest of five girls. She was raised in Sisseton, South Dakota where she attended country school and eventually moved into town to attend Sisseton High School. Yvonne graduated in 1952, pursued a teaching degree at Aberdeen, SD and taught country school. Her kindness and compassion made her a great teacher. She met her husband Duane while roller skating. They dated, then were later married and moved to Wheaton where they raised eight children. Her greatest teaching efforts were towards her eight children where the morals she instilled were kindness, honesty and the importance of loving your family.

While Duane worked away from home, she was the head of household where she kept an immaculate home and made sure all children were very well taken care of. They had many homes over the period of almost 70 years of marriage. She made sure to make each one of those a loving home for the family, where meals were from scratch, and were eaten together. Some of the family favorites were homemade fudge, caramel popcorn, date bars, ginger snaps, caramel rolls and chocolate cake with white frosting. She had many careers over the years but still made sure her eight children always attended Sunday School, church, confirmation- always on time.

Yvonne was a special grandmother to all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have many fond memories of staying with her and getting spoiled by her and grandpa Cook. The love of family carried through to her sisters and their families, and Duane's family. She loved spending time with all of them and often said that she appreciated all the loving support from them throughout the years. Many get-togethers were shared with both sides of the family. All the laughter, chaos, fond memories, and good times will be cherished and reminisced about for many years to come.

Vonnie enjoyed drawing, bowling, dancing, flowers, gardening and yardwork, birthday club, bunco club, church circle, her coffee ladies, in her early years – roller skating and mostly spending time with her sisters, "The Elton Girls"..... oh, the laughter. (Think Golden Girls – they got nothing on the Elton Girls). They definitely could have had their own sitcom. Over the past eight years, some of her mind diminished, but she never lost her beautiful smile and caring personality.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband Duane; parents Alfred and Grace Elton; sister Betty Marohl; grandson Christopher Cook; father and mother-in-law Joseph and Grace (Loveless) Cook; brothers and sisters-in-law: Lyle and Hazel Cook; and Lorraine and Donald Pullis, Sr.; brothers-in-law: Ronnie Randall and Bernie Cook; sister-in-law Donna Cook; and many loved nieces and nephews.

Vonnie is survived by her children: twins Noel (Missy) Cook and Neal (Colleen) Cook; Rick Cook, Brenda (Rick) Schultz; Brian (Dawn) Cook; Blaine Cook; Lisa (Cook) (Keith Johnson) Anderson; and Kristi (Loran) Braun; and many loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters: JoAnn (Dale) Medenwald; Gloria (Gary) Newell; Angie (Gary) Hanson; brother-in-law Danny Marohl; sister-in-law Dolores Randall; brother-in-law Kenny Cook; and many loved nieces and nephews.



In Loving Memory



Yvonne Elizabeth Cook

July 10, 1934 ~ August 25, 2025





*There's no one in the world
quite like a grandma*

*It's the way she smells and the ring of her laughter
when a little one says something cute.*

*It's the way that her cookies taste better than anyone
else's, even when she shares her exact recipe.*

*It's the way that she's always there - at the front door
to lend a hand, or on the other side of the phone when
she can't be there in person.*

*It's the way she loves her grandkids unconditionally
and never stops taking care of her own babies, too.*

*It's the way she makes everything feel like home.
There's just non one in the world quite like her.*

My Mom

*I never called her mother, that seemed way to formal
It was always Mama or mom, that was what was normal.
At the time I didn't realize she was the best friend that I had
And now when I think of it, it kind of makes me sad.
The clothes she washed and ironed me, the meals she fixed and cooked
The signs of her love everywhere you looked.
Her life she would have given for all of us kids
And by the way she lived her life, I guess that's what she did.
The sorriest piece of chicken, the last little bit of cake
Taking those for herself, leaving the rest for our sake.
Her love we took for granted, and it did abound
But the impression she left on us is one that is profound.
A sense of right or wrong, a sense of what is just
Being upright citizens, is certainly a must.
My mom had character, was what a person should be,
Thank you Mom for being a great example for me.*



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In Memory Of Yvonne Elizabeth Cook

Date of Birth
July 10, 1934

Entered Into Rest
August 25, 2025

Funeral Services

4:00 PM, September 19, 2025

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Cheryl Berg

Readers

Jade Cook, Clay Anderson & Bradie Nelk

Urn Bearer

Quentin Braun

Honorary Urn Bearers

All of Yvonne's Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Private Family Burial

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery - Dumont, Minnesota

*In lieu of acknowledgment cards being sent, the Cook family will be making a
donation to the Wheaton Senior Diner for the Meals on Wheels program. Thank
you to everyone who took time to share their love for us over the past several weeks,
either by your presence here today, phone calls, text messages or visits.*

Your kindness will always be remembered.