



Elsie Ora Asher

May 13, 1927 - October 17, 2019

Elsie Ora Asher, age 92, of Albia, passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2019, under the care of EveryStep Hospice, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Elsie was born on May 13, 1927, in Albia, IA, to Earl and Verna V. (McAnich) Repp. She was never superstitious about the 13th as she was born on Friday the 13th and was the 13th grandchild on her father's side of the family. Elsie attended several country schools before her family moved to town and she started school in the 5th grade at Washington School, graduating with the class of 1944.

Elsie married James Asher Jr. on September 14, 1946, and they shared 55 years of marriage before James's passing on December 18, 2001. Elsie and James farmed in the Albia area and she worked at the McLellan store from 1944 to 1955 when she started at Peoples National Bank in the bookkeeping department and also as a teller at the main bank and the drive in bank until her retirement in 1986.

Elsie was a long-time member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, joining the United Brethren Church in 1937. She was also a volunteer at the gift shop at the hospital. She liked to read and enjoyed bowling and working in her yard.

Surviving Elsie are several nieces and nephews and special friends who became her and James's family, Carolyn McAlister, Nita (Dan) Wilson, Janet (Doug) Brinegar, Jason (Darcy) McAlister and their children. She is also survived by a good friend, Brian Hindman and his children.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents, Earl and Verna Repp; a brother, Dwight Eugene; and a sister-in-law, Judy. She was also preceded in death by a brother in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Elsie's family present 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to meet and greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia, IA.

A memorial has been established to EveryStep Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie Ora Asher*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Elsie Ora Asher*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Connie. Repp lit a candle in memory of Elsie Ora Asher*



Connie. Repp - October 25, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *My Aunt Elsie was always a special person to me. I remember how she used to let me brush her hair as long as I wanted to when I was a child and when I was saving my quarters for Christmas presents she helped me set up a saving account at the People's Bank. I always made sure I went to her window in the bank because she would give me a piece of candy. She is the only person I let call me "Jo" instead of my full name of Jo Ann. As I grew up, got married and moved away from Albia my contact with Elsie became sporadic and we lost contact. But, I will always remember her beautiful smile and happy greeting of, "Hi, Jo!"*

Jo Ann Thompson - October 19, 2019 at 03:35 PM