



"Into Paradise May The Angels lead you"

In Loving Memory of

Ellen Kelsch

November 2, 1916 ~ September 21, 2021

To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of
Ellen Davis Kelsch Née Tillotson

November 2, 1916 – September 21, 2021

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 7, 2022 ▪ 1:00 PM

St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church ▪ 601 N. 4th St.

Bismarck, North Dakota

Committal Service

Fairview Cemetery

Bismarck, North Dakota

Saint George's Episcopal Memorial Church welcomes you to our beloved parish, Est, 1881 and on the *National Registry of Historic Places* since 2021.

We are grateful to continue Ellen's love for children through her gifts to St. George's. Because of her generosity, we offer *Godly Play* to our children and are a resource for other parishes' children.

Thank you to all of those who came to remember Ellen and to all those who helped with the service and reception.

For those who might wish to make a memorial offering, the family has asked that these gifts be given to St. George's.



Burial Office, Rite I

Prelude

Welcoming Remarks

Stand: Hymn *“For all the Saints”* # 287
 Anthems *The Book of Common Prayer* p.469
 The Collect p.470

Sit: Scripture Isaiah 61:1-3
 Psalm 46 (*Said Together*) p.649
 II Corinthians 4:16-5:9

Stand: Hymn *“There’s a wideness in God’s Mercy”* #470
 Gospel John 11:21-27

Sit: Remarks from Ellen’s Family Fran Joersz and Steve Tillotson

Stand: Apostles’ Creed p.120
 The Prayers p.480
 The Peace

Hymn *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #376

The Liturgy Of Holy Communion, Rite II

Stand: The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* p.361
 Sursum corda
 Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer p.364
The Breaking of the Bread
The Gifts of God

(All baptized persons are invited to the Altar rail to receive Christ’s body and blood or a blessing if you have not been baptized.)

Sit: The Distribution of Christ’s Body and Blood

Stand: Hymn *I am the Bread of Life”* #335

Post-Communion Prayer p.482

Stand: The Commendation p.482

The Blessing p.482

The Dismissal p.482

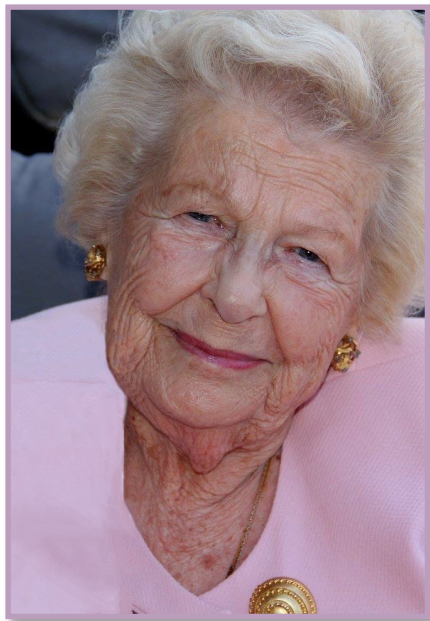
Hymn *“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”* #293

Officiant Rev. Hal Weidman

Readers Joshua Allers, Abby Tillotson

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for a reception in the lower level of the Rita B. Murphy Hall.

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Ellen Kelsch went peacefully to rest Tuesday, September 21, just short of her 105th birthday.

She was born to Benjamin and Catherine Tillotson on November 2, 1916 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Ellen graduated from Bismarck High in 1934. She went to work at age 17 at the Bank of North Dakota. She continued her education at North Dakota State University. During her lifetime she also worked for the Commissioner of North Dakota Education and the Speaker of the House of the North Dakota Legislature.

She belonged to P.E.O., Mother's Club, Breakfast Club and St. George's Episcopal Church Guild. She loved bridge and was an avid reader. She enjoyed a cocktail, a well-set table, and a good meal with lots of color and fresh flowers. Ellen was also active in politics. As a precinct committee woman, she got out 95% of registered voters.

She is survived by her children, Jerry Ann Allers (Richard), Jay D. Davis (Elly), and Claudia Tierney; her four grandchildren; Todd and William Allers, Jeffrey Davis and Merritt Arreola; and four great grandchildren, Joshua and Sean Allers, Brady and Kelton Davis.