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Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington. The Rev. Andrew Gifford will officiate. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington. Entombment will be in Park Hill Mausoleum, Bloomington.

She was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Clinton, to Homer and Ruth Miner Fort.

She is survived by her adoring husband, Jewel Schalk, whom she married July 1, 1961. Also surviving are their children, John Schalk and Sara Schalk Kellum; Sara's husband, Kenneth Kellum; and grandchildren, Emily and Rachel Kellum.

Elsie graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln. She was a

dedicated member of St. Luke Union Church. Before that, she attended Second Christian Church in Bloomington where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for many years. She was an avid Quester, and at the age of 92 served as chapter president of the Jesse Fell Chapter of Questers International. Additionally, she was a longtime volunteer at the McLean County Museum of History, where she shared her wisdom and passion with all visitors.

Elsie loved to travel and managed to visit all 48 continental state capitals. She collected antiques, especially sterling silver souvenir spoons, which she displayed in her home. She was a proficient cook and was known for her lemon bars and strawberry rhubarb jam.

Memorial contributions may be made to McLean County Museum of History or to St. Luke Union Church.

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