



## Elise Pick

September 30, 1952 - August 15, 2025

Elise Pick, 72 of Carroll, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 15, 2025 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 22, 2025 at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Mass Servers will be Mia Milligan, Mallory Milligan, and Connor Milligan. Music will be by Jake Gute, Sherry Loughran, Joan Gronstal, and Claudia Halbur. The Lector is Kay Blessington. Gift Bearers will be Ella, Evan, Landry, Josie, Nora, Emmett, Warner, Carter, and Gemma Pick. Eucharistic Ministers will be Marty Halbur, Paul Milligan, and Lynn Wittrock. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Pick family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Elise, the daughter of Henry and Evelyn (Garrels) Auen, was born on

September 30, 1952, in Lake City, Iowa. She grew up near Lake View and graduated from Lake View Auburn High School in 1970. She attended Luther College in Decorah, the University of Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with majors in Psychology and Sociology. She later attended Buena Vista University obtaining her teaching degree.

On August 3, 1974, she was joined in matrimony to Joseph Pick, at Saint Joseph's Church in Wall Lake, Iowa. This union was blessed with four boys. They started their life together near Auburn and later moved their family to Carroll.

One word comes to mind when describing Elise: GIVER. She gave her musical talents by playing piano at church and as a music teacher at various schools. GIVER of her time to various charities including St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary, P.E.O., and numerous other organizations. Elise's grandest gift was of herself. Never did she think of herself but of others, whether that was Joe, her four boys, her daughters-in-law, friends or her nine grandchildren. Putting others first, providing a fabulous meal, picking out the perfect gift or just lending a listening ear, Elise was always willing to do what it took to make others happy.

She enjoyed traveling, cooking, reading, volunteering, playing bridge, and having coffee with her friends. More than anything, she loved being a grandma. She cherished every moment they shared—dance recitals, ball games, tractor rides, going to the beach, boating and all the little things.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Pick of 51 years, her children: Aaron (Kelly) Pick of Carroll, and their children Ella, and Evan; Nathan (Kristin) Pick of San Diego, CA, and their children Carter and Gemma; Brad (Brigit) Pick of Carroll, and their children Landry and Josie; and Adam (Linsey) Pick of Carroll, and their children Nora, Emmett and Warner. She is also survived by

her sisters Bonnie Richards of Sac City and Peggy (Richard) Mace of Sioux City. Her brothers and sisters-in-law: Bill (Patsy) Pick; Doug (Rachel) Pick; Debra Marqusee; Don Jr. (Margie) Pick; Kay (Gerry) Blessington; Diane Harrington; Robert (Shelly) Pick and many extended relatives and friends.

Elise was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Evelyn Auen; her brother Kenneth Auen; her sister, Dorothy Gergis; her parents-in-law, Donald and Willa Mae (Poen) Pick and her brother-in-law Loren Richards.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ We shared the joy of being college roommates with Elise at ISU and U of I... laughing, having fun and sharing that wonderful time in our lives.They are such treasured memories for all of us. Couldn't imagine a more wonderful person to have shared it with.

*Love from Cathy, Chris, Julie and Janet*

Christine M Mangold - August 23, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MG

*I'm Mike Gergis Elise nephew I have alot of memories of good t l mes with Elise and Joe I remember staying at her apartment in decorah when she was college and her room mate making me an apple pie and apparently I told her it wasn't as good as my Grandma's anyway I'll miss her*

Mike Gergis - August 25, 2025 at 10:59 AM

LB

“ Pick family, the funeral mass this morning was beautiful and Elise the music 🎵 was absolutely meant Just for you! I have a fun memory of Elise and I going to ISU football 🏈 game,

*Joe, I think it was harvest time. Until we meet again, RIP* 🛖💜😊



Linda Bluml - August 22, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DW

“ Diane Pick and Sarah Wallace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.

Diane Pick and Sarah Wallace - August 21, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



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August 21, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elise Pick.

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August 21, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



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August 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *I admired Elise Auen Pick when we were in school. She played the piano, flute, and was in basketball, band, chorus, and was on the Student Council, and others, too It's a sad time for your family, but these Bible verses have helped me in these 50 years I have been living in Japan, They are First Thessalonians chapter 5 verses 16, 17, 18, Especially, verse 18 has sustained me, and it will you, too. Peace be with you. Dee Ann Wagner Yoshida.*

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**yoshida** - August 20, 2025 at 10:04 PM

FC

“ *Farmers National Company purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elise Pick.*



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**Farmers National Company** - August 20, 2025 at 04:02 PM

FC

“ *Farmers National Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.*

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**Farmers National Company** - August 20, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



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August 20, 2025 at 02:19 PM

IT

“ *ICW Group San Diego Underwriting Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elise Pick.*



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**ICW Group San Diego Underwriting Team** - August 20, 2025 at 01:46 PM

SB

“ *What a wonderful lady!! She will be missed by so many. My sympathies to the family.*

*Back in the summer of 1970 Elise, who had just graduated from high school and getting ready to leave for college, took time to teach me how to play the church organ compared to a piano. Patient lady, for sure. After a couple of brief lessons, I became the "regular" on Sundays. I followed the Auen sisters, Dorothy, Bonnie, Peggy, and Elise, on the organ bench.*

*It was a great opportunity of which I still do today, but at various churches. It was always good to see her again over the years and enjoy a brief visit, a mutual musician respect club, really.*

*Rest in Peace, Elise. Those of us of whom you touch will cherish our memories.*

*Sue Fredrichs-Barney*

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**Sue Barney** - August 20, 2025 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ *Hi Nate, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the love and support of your family and friends, and in the cherished memories you shared with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*

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**Jimmy Husain** - August 20, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



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August 20, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy.*

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**Leon and Cathy Williams** - August 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**K. Halbur** - August 19, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Craig R. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.*

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**Craig R.** - August 18, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *I knew Elise when I was in school . She always had a smile. I was happy she made our 50th class reunion. She will be missed.*

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**Darwin A. Mohr** - August 17, 2025 at 11:28 PM

PG

*Elise and I both played the flute in band. She was a very kind person. She will be missed.*

**Peggy Glur** - August 20, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



August 17, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elise Pick.*



August 17, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elise Pick.*

August 17, 2025 at 07:21 PM

CS

“ *Clark & Rachel Snyder purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elise Pick.*



**Clark & Rachel Snyder** - August 17, 2025 at 05:37 PM

CS

“ Clark & Rachel Snyder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.

Clark & Rachel Snyder - August 17, 2025 at 05:37 PM

MP

“ Mark and Janna Pick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elise Pick.



Mark and Janna Pick - August 17, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MP

“ Mark and Janna Pick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.

Mark and Janna Pick - August 17, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ Becky Cochran purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Elise Pick.



Becky Cochran - August 17, 2025 at 10:55 AM

BC

“ Becky Cochran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elise Pick.

Becky Cochran - August 17, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family.



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**Marv & Kristi Pudenz** - August 17, 2025 at 01:21 AM

JF

*Elise has been so kind to our family over the years. She invited us to enjoy staying at their lake home and invited us to boat, and to their parties at their home. She was kind and humble and brave. All will remember her as generous, selfless, and a wonderful friend, mother, wife and teacher of music. She will be missed, but surely is enjoying heavenly peace now  
God bless her family as they make this journey*

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**Judy Feilmeier** - August 17, 2025 at 02:33 PM

CR

*I remember doing a funeral with Elise at Holy Spirit. One of the songs was in Latin. She had to give me quick elementary Latin lessons on the fly. We both laughed at my slow learning.*

*She was loved by all. She always be remembered as a wonderful mother, spouse, and friend.*

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**Craig Rowles** - August 18, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DW

*Sending our deepest sympathy to Joe and his family. Our prayers are with you!!!!*

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**Darlene Wiederin** - August 18, 2025 at 11:33 PM

WN

*Pick family: We were sorry to learn of Elise's passing. She was one of the sweetest women ever. She was kind to everyone. Her legacy will be her caring attitude always at the forefront. It was a pleasure to know her.*

*Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll*

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**Wes & CJ Niles** - August 20, 2025 at 12:22 PM



*Our deepest sympathies to Joe and his family. Elise was always so nice to visit with at our class reunions, even though it wasn't her class.  
Reg and Connie Vogel*

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**Connie Vogel** - August 21, 2025 at 08:20 PM