



Our Mom

The Spirit of one of God's Children, our mom Lila Estenson, left this earth on the morn of April 16, 2022. Mom, a quiet but loving woman who was always there to give us advise or just listen, has gone home at the age of one hundred and nine years and two months.

Her talents were more than we knew; the quilts she made, the many crafts she did, playing piano, and teaching Sunday school. She was a farm wife and a mother to five children who challenged her daily. Letter writing to friends near and far was a passion she enjoyed. Those friends were many and of the same likeness.

Mom's dedication to her Lord and Savior is proven by her many Bibles torn and worn from daily use. Reading the Bible and teaching us to pray was something she did every day. Her faith, and that of her father and grandfather before her, was what she spoke of often. When they quoted John 14:6, saying "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes unto the Father but by me," her father often added, "and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?

As Mom's footsteps faltered and as the years passed, her eyes grew dim. She would often tell us of her wish to depart this earthly life and go to heaven. Her life is over, however her witness lives on —

DO YOU BELIEVE?

GOD BLESS HER MEMORY.

— Scott

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MARCELLA HANSEN FOR THE MANY YEARS SPENT WITH MOM, IN PRAYER AND DEVOTION WHILE AT THE WEST WIND VILLAGE. YOU TRULY ARE AN ANGEL!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Lila Margaret Estenson

FEBRUARY 22, 1913 – APRIL 16, 2022



Services At:

Trinity Lutheran Church - Cyrus, Minnesota
Saturday - May 21, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Chris Richards

Pianist:

Diane Hanse

Soloists:

Jere Solvie

Sheryle Dahl

Interment:

Cyrus South Cemetery
Cyrus, Minnesota

Lila Margaret Alfson, daughter of Selmer and Alma (Anderson) Alfson, was born February 22, 1913, at her home in Framnas Township near Cyrus, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Petri Lutheran Church. Lila grew up and attended school in Cyrus, graduating with the class of 1931. She was united in marriage to Martin Estenson July 28, 1934. Following their marriage, the couple lived on a farm, where they raised their family of five. When Martin retired from farming, they moved into Cyrus. Lila worked as a nursing assistant for many years and helped many families through difficult times. Martin passed away November 18, 2001. Lila continued to live in Cyrus until the age of 98 when she moved to Morris, where she continued to live until the time of her death.

Lila loved to sew, making small quilts for babies, and donating them to third world countries. She enjoyed scrapbooking, gardening, canning, playing games and cards, and crocheting. She also loved teaching her grandkids, writing, making Norwegian goodies including lefse, krumkake, and rommegrot. She took many walks along Lake Emily looking for special rocks and arrowheads to share with her family. She had great faith and it was to trust in God's love for us by living what we know to be true. The angels have taken her home and I know she is happy to be there. She will be missed by all of her family.

Lila passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at West Wind Village in Morris. She was 109 years old.

She is survived by four children: Marlys Kannegiesser of Chula Vista, CA; Monroe (Cheryl) Estenson, Scott (Diane) Estenson and Mark (Angela) Estenson all of Morris; 11 grandchildren: Jeff (Karen) Kannegiesser, Debbie Kannegiesser, Randy Kannegiesser, Lance Kannegiesser, Greg Estenson, Jennifer (James) Schemmel, Alan (Jennifer) Estenson, Brenda Estenson, Tanya (Matt Rinkenberger) Estenson, Tammi (Bob) Kramer, Hannah (Jason) Umlauf; 12 great-grandchildren: Alexandra Estenson, Heaven Kannegiesser, Savanna Wrobleski, Paden Rinkenberger, Abbey (Dominic Voit) Kramer, Andrew Kramer, Jeffrey (Analysa Hang) Schemmel, Joshua (Carley) Schemmel, Jacob Schemmel (Indigo Sci Larsen), Joey Kannegiesser and Heather Kannegiesser; three great-great-grandchildren: Brinnley, Breccan and Keegan Schemmel; two brothers: Gordon Alfson of Morris and James (Shirley) Alfson of Ham Lake; one sister: Jean Anderson of Morris; sister-in-law: Marjorie Alfson of Cyrus; brother-in-law: Charles Bright of Alexandria and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Estenson; her parents; son: Theodore "Ted" Estenson; son-in-law: Lyle Kannegiesser; great-granddaughter: Taryn Paul; brother: Orrin Alfson and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and several extended family members and friends.



Cry Not For Me

When I shall die and leave behind
this earth I love, these trees, this sky,
The yearly hope of spring,
cry not for me!

Rejoice
My soul has wings and in it freedom sings.

- Written by Lila