



Esther Dahlvang

February 6, 1918 - April 27, 2010

Esther Leone (Young) Dahlvang was born on February 6, 1918, to Voorhees Raymond “Ray” and Sarah Ann “Sadie” (Welch) in Wadena, MN. She passed away on April 27, 2010, at the age of 92 years, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Esther was united in marriage with Marvin Perry Dahlvang on September 22, 1940, in Verndale. She was a member of TOPPS, Camera Club, Thomastown Ladies Aid, and was President of the Dahlvang Reunion Committee for over 20 years. She was an avid gardener and loved spending time with her family at the lake. Esther was preceded in death by her husband Marvin on February 24, 2009; her parents Ray and Sadie; brothers Joe (Dora), and Elmer Young and an infant brother; sisters Bessie Young, Edna (Palmer) Iverson, Emeline (Frank) McGrady, Edith (John) Jussila, and Lillian (John) Lay; and granddaughter Julie Dahlvang. She is survived by her son, Duane (Peggy) of Visalia, CA; her daughters, Mardell Hendershot of Wadena, and Marlys (Darrell) Bratteli of Detroit Lakes; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Alma Young of Grand Rapids and Betty Dahlvang of Wadena; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010, in the Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples, with Pastor David Harlow officiating. Pallbearers were grandsons, David Dahlvang, Brian Hendershot, Michael Hendershot, Derek Bratteli, Mitchell Bratteli, Zachary Bratteli and Ross Cariveau. Interment was at West Lyons Cemetery in Oylen.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Grandma Esther was one of the most wonderful women I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Every time I spoke to her she would greet me with the heartiest of hellos. She never had a bad word to say about anyone and never let herself have a bad day. If she was not happy with a situation she would just make up her mind to deal with it as is with a positive attitude and a smile. She was a beautiful woman both inside and out, she was loved by many and will be missed by many. Love you grandma.*

*Love,
Katrina*

Katrina Bratteli - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Esther was a dear friend and neighbor of our family for many years. Marlys and I were very close friends in high school, so I spent many days and evenings at the Dahlvang's. Esther had a way of making everyone feel special. She always made everyone feel welcome and appreciated. Her hugs were always the best... I am so happy that she is in her heavenly home with Marvin. Her greatest legacy is her 3 children and extended family. She really loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. May loving memories surround you, as they do me, as I think of Esther. I'll miss her so much..... Barb*

Barb Seaton - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ God blessed me with two wonderful parents and I will miss them greatly for the rest of my life. Mom was always ready and willing to help everyone, particularly her family. She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren so much and showed it in every way. We all knew that no matter what we might do she would never stop loving us. Right to the end she didn't want to die because she didn't want to leave her family. I will cherish my memories of her until we are together once again.

I love you mom. Please give dad a big kiss from me.

Marlys Bratteli - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Marlys, my sincere sympathies to you and your family. Your mom was a great lady!

Sandee (Seaton) Byrd - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My Dearest Aunt Esther,
Wow, what memories we have of you down thru the years...As always your bright smile and wonderful attitude towards life..Always nice things to say about everyone..no matter who they were..People like you are few and far between, and we will miss that from you. I have so many memories of the farm and Uncle Marvin... and then when you moved into town and Marie and I would take you to your favorite cafe in Mills...remember, we told you just a couple weeks ago, that we had to take you there again...now, all we have are memories..all good ones though..Please give Uncle Marvin a big kiss from us.and tell him we miss him too..
Our love to you and your family is the greatest..and we will meet again some day in Heaven...Love you much, Darwin

Darwin [Marie] Lay - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ To one of the nicest people you could ever meet. She was like a mother to me since I lost my mother at an early stage in my life. She was a loving person to everyone in her life. She will certainly be missed.

Eileen Smiley - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My dearest Grandma- you were such a light in my life as well as Ross and the kids and you are greatly missed already! As I helped pack up your stuff yesterday a flood of memories consumed me. I must say I wasn't as big of a help as I'd hoped! All I wanted to do was sit down and finally read through those journals that I have watched you write in since I was a little girl out on the farm. And your sweet little Zoe, she kept grabbing more and more things of yours- little easter earrings, a easter egg, a couple of your closepins (go figure) and a leaf pin. They are treasures to her. One of the first pages that I read right on top it said "Shiloh came and trimmed my nails today", I will miss that as well as your stories. You were a top notch grandma and I will forever be grateful for the time spent on the farm playing dress up in the attic, watching your "stories" with you, picking peas out of the garden, getting Grandpa's Lava Soap and water ready with you, sitting in the baby pool while you sat on the porch drinking lemonade, going into town to get your hair done and do laundry, getting the canning out of the cellar- honestly I could go on and on and on. And most recently all of the time since we've moved back to MN that I have had to be with you- simply precious.

Truly blessed to have hugged you, kissed you, listened too you and loved you. With all my love- Shiloh

Shiloh - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM