

**In Loving Memory**

*Mary J. Mogster*

June 25, 1912  October 15, 2009

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

**CLERGY**

Pastor Tonna Parsons

**Organist**

Gayla Sorenson

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”  
“Abide with Me”

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

George Simon  
Allen Sorenson

**CASKET BEARERS**

Mark Spavin, Pablo Munoz, Paul Munoz  
Sara Spavin, Alyssa Munoz, Tim Wittmaack

**INTERMENT**

Lone Tree Cemetery  
Sioux Rapids, Iowa


Memorials may be sent to the Sioux Rapids  
Historical Society or the Chapel fund at the  
Samaritan Bethany Home on 8th in Rochester.

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 We would like to express our sincere thanks and  
gratitude for your attendance at this service.  
Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church  
immediately following the burial.



*Mary's Family*

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1912 — 2009

*M*ary J. Mogster, age 97, of Rochester, Minnesota, and formerly of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, died on Thursday, October 15, 2009, at the Samaritan Bethany Homes on 8<sup>th</sup> in Rochester.

Mary Josephine Mogster, the daughter of Ransom and Thea (Rosseland) Mogster, was born in Sioux Rapids, Iowa on June 25, 1912. She lived her youth and received her education in Sioux Rapids, graduating from Sioux Rapids High School. Mary was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids.

During her professional career, Mary served as a supervisor and trainer for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. She was in that position for 30 years. Mary was active in her community and served on several boards, including the cemetery board and she was a member of the Pioneers for The Telephone Company. She enjoyed traveling to Norway to visit family and she also looked forward to their trips to the United States to stay with her. She also traveled with her friends on other tours. Mary's family was so important to her and she cherished the times she could spend with them. Mary's other interests included participating in a Study Club, playing bridge and other card games, knitting, and doing other beautiful stitchery. She was also a lifelong member of the First Lutheran Church in Sioux Rapids.

Mary is lovingly remembered by her family: her niece, Judy Altizer Lewison of Des Moines, Iowa; a niece-in-law, Adele Spavin of Rochester, Minnesota; great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and nephews; other extended family and her many friends in Sioux Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Carl O. Mogster; her sister, Ruth Mogster Altizer; and her nephew, Richard Carl Spavin.

Blessed be the memory of Mary Josephine Mogster.

## *Based on Psalm 23*

*Written by Judy Lewison*

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**Lord, just as a faithful shepherd gathers his sheep close to his side, protects them, and cares for them, so do you gather us close to you. Each one of us is important in your sight, and when we start to stray from you, just like the faithful shepherd, you seek to bring us back into your fold.**

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

**Lord, I can feel your strength and power beside me at all times. I know that when troubles and sorrow start to surround me, I can call on your strength and power to uphold and strengthen me.**

**He leads me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake**

**You teach me your laws and you help me to follow them. Through your laws, I learn to live honest and productive life, and to love you above all else. You help me to lead a life that is pleasing to you and to me.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and they staff, they comfort me.**

**Many people are frightened of the time when they will face death, but for me, I know that I do not need to be afraid, You will always be there beside me and your angels will be there to ease the way. It is so comforting to know that death is but the "step-over to heaven" when the time comes for me to join you in your heavenly kingdom.**

**Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anoint me head with oil, my cup runs over.**

**At your banquets table, you provide for my spiritual needs. Your communion table refreshes me and fills me with joy and peace. I feel your presence surround me as the words begin, "Take and Eat" and "Take and Drink." I leave your tables strengthened, for I know you are with me. You fill me, and my cup runs over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**