

Doris C. Soderquist, age 92, of Albert City, Iowa died April 6, 2011 at the Pocahontas Manor in Pocahontas, Iowa.

Doris Catherine Hultgren, the daughter of C. Henry and Myrtle (Nixon) Hultgren, was born on September 15, 1918, in Alta, Iowa. When she was two years of age, they moved to Sioux City, then to Colorado, and later to Los Angeles, California, where Henry could pursue his carpentry and cabinet-making skills. She had many memories of traveling on Old Route 66 in a Model T. Roadster. Her education was primarily in California where she graduated from Fremont High School in Los Angeles. Following her high school graduation, she attended Los Angeles College for one year.

On February 5, 1928, Doris was united in marriage to Roland Soderquist in Los Angeles. Together, they were blessed with two sons: Dennis, who's life was brief, and Donn. Their daughter, Karen, arrived later to make their family complete. Following years on the Soderquist family farm, illness plagued Roland and they moved to California where he died in 1955. Doris married Milton Soderquist on December 26, 1959, in Temple City, California, bringing his daughter, Marilyn, into the family and Doris and Karen returned to Albert City. Following Milton's death in 1980, she attended several Elderhostels and enjoyed traveling and appreciating nature and the outdoors that she captured in many of her paintings. Doris also enjoyed music and singing in the church choir as long as she was able.

Doris' employment experiences included being an artist, a receptionist, a bookkeeper for their S and A Garage, a dietary aide at the Pleasant View Home in Albert City and a server assistant and art work creator at the Hannah Marie Country Inn of rural Spencer. Doris was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, being an active member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. She was a past member of the Albert City Library Board, Our Savior's Church Choir and the Witter Gallery in Storm Lake. She served on the Albert City Apartments Board, was a member of the Young at Heart Club, the H.O.A. Club, the Albert City Improvement Corporation, a member of the Iowa Artists and, an honorary member of the Thursday Study Club and honorary member of the Florence Ceramic Society. Doris enjoyed volunteering at the Pleasant View Home in Albert City, the Buena Vista County Hospital coffee shop, the friendship gatherings at Cutty's of Okoboji, and assisting with the Albert City Dinner Date program.

Church, family and friends were her joy. In 1996, she wrote and published her book of memories entitling it Celebrating Life. It was distributed to many family members. Doris attended her grandchildren and great grandchildren's programs and sporting events as often as possible. Special family occasions such as birthday parties, were important to her. She also kept in touch with her many friends, both near and far.

Doris is lovingly remembered by family which include her children: Donn (Sharon) Soderquist of Crestwood, KY; Karen (Darryl) Benna of Albert City, IA; Marilyn (James) Westholm of Albert City, IA; grandchildren: Jeffery (Tammy) Benna of Wentzville, MO; Kim (Mike) Masters of Albert City, IA; Jill Benna of Ankeny, IA; Stacy (Jennifer) Benna of Pocahontas, IA; Eric (Leslie) Soderquist of Prospect, KY; Karl (Stacie) Soderquist of Crestwood, KY; Douglas (Rebecca) Westholm of New Auburn, WI; Dan (Jill) Westholm of Urbandale, IA; and Beth (Tim) Ingram of West Des Moines, IA; great grandchildren: Logan and Slone Masters; Tatum, Chase, and Lawton Benna; Skyler, Spencer, and Sydnie Benna; Chance Benna; Addison and Baker Soderquist; Derek, Brandon, Benjamin, and Danielle Westholm; Sarah, Nathan, and Ryan Westholm; Elijah and Gabriel Ingram; niece, Linda (Phil) Allen of Chariton, IA; other cousins; extended family and her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; and son, Dennis.

May all who knew her continue to celebrate the life of Doris Catherine (Hultgren) Soderquist.

In Loving Memory



These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence, which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:13-14

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IN MEMORY OF
Doris Soderquist

September 15, 1918 — April 6, 2011

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend A. Pete Petersen

ORGANIST

Margit Behrens

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SOLOIST

Rebecca Westholm
"Rock Of Ages"
"In The Garden"

CASKET BEARERS

Jeff Benna, Stacy Benna, Logan Masters
Skyler Benna, Doug Westholm, Dan Westholm

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa

Arrangements by

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— The Family of Doris Soderquist