

In Loving Memory

Esther Mosbo, age 90, of Decorah, Iowa and formerly of Rembrandt, Iowa, died at St. Luke Nursing Home in Spencer, Iowa on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, following a brief illness.

Esther Marie Thorson was born May 22, 1915, to Reverend Thomas B. and Hertha (Fylpaa) Thorson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and remained a life-long contributor of her time and talents.

Her childhood years were spent in her father's parishes in Rowe, Illinois; Fort Dodge, Iowa; Ottawa, Illinois; and Thor, Iowa. After completing high school in Lutheran academies, she attended Waldorf College, graduating with a two-year teaching degree.

Following four years of teaching in the upper elementary grades at Rembrandt, Iowa, she married Edward Johannes Mosbo on May 22, 1938. Together they farmed near Rembrandt until retiring to Decorah, Iowa in 1980. To this union four children were born: Edward Paul, Eloise Annette, Rolf Erik, and Erik Edward.

Throughout her life Esther cheerfully gave of herself and her time to her family, her church, and her community. She took special pleasure in music, both as a participant and as an appreciator. In earlier years she traveled with the Pleasant View and Waldorf College choirs, performed often as a vocal soloist, participated in women's trios and quartets, sang with the Buena Vista County Women's Chorus, directed junior choir, and contributed her soprano voice to church choir anthems at Rembrandt. In her retired years at Decorah she enjoyed attending Luther College's many musical performances and faithfully attending faculty and student recitals.

Esther's enthusiasm for music has been contagious in the family: all four of her children remain active with varied musical pursuits, and many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are also immersed in the joy of music.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother, Dr. Thomas Thorson. She is survived by her children: Paul and his wife Vivian of Cortland, New York; Eloise and her husband Richard Obman of Rembrandt, Iowa; Rolf and his wife Valerie of Rembrandt, Iowa; and Erik and his wife Mariellen of Rembrandt, Iowa; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, sister Hertha Hilstad of Circle, Montana, and brother Johan Thorson of Lakewood, Colorado, as well as extended family and friends.



Esther Marie Mosbo

1915 — 2005

Afterglow...

I'd like a memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life on earth is done.

~ author unknown

A sincere thank you to all who have taken the time to say
Goodbye to our loved one. Your kindnesses as expressed in
word and deed are deeply appreciated. Please join the family for
lunch and a time of fellowship at the church in Decorah after the
funeral service. Or, if you have shared your time with us at the
graveside services on Tuesday at Little Sioux Valley Cemetery,
please join us at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt
following the burial.

The Mosbo Family

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May 22, 1915 — October 18, 2005

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, October 24, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

Decorah Lutheran Church

Decorah, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend James Glesne

Reverend Bryan Robertson—Reverend Allen Vik

MUSIC

Organist—Eloise Obman (Esther's daughter)

Violinist—Christopher Mosbo (Esther's grandson)

Violist—Jon Mosbo (Esther's grandson)

Soloist—Karen Kanakis

Pianist—Marjorie Wharton

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

"I Know of A Sleep in Jesus' Name"

"Sun of My Soul"

INTERMENT

Graveside Services

Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

Little Sioux Valley Cemetery

Rembrandt, Iowa

Arrangements by

SLIEFERT FUNERAL HOME

Nicklas D. Jensen

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