



Hilma Blaich

July 15, 1911 - August 31, 2008

Hilma M. Blaich, 97, Bismarck, passed away on August 31, 2008, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, September 13, 2008 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Hilma Marie Blaich was born on July 15, 1911, west of Mandan, ND, in Morton County, ND, the daughter of Kornelius Christian and Josephine Paulina Johanson Hendrickson. She was raised and attended school in Mandan, and graduated from Mandan High School in 1931. In 1936, Hilma moved to St. Paul, MN, where she was a mother's helper. While being a nanny, she was wooed back home by Ernest Blaich, whom she married on September 28, 1937. They were married at the Heart River Lutheran Church located west of Mandan on the Heart River. Until recently, Hilma and Ernest were the only couple ever married in that church. How blessed they were with 67 happy years together. They moved to Bismarck following their marriage. After their son, Keith, graduated from high school, Hilma began employment as a store clerk in 1959 at A.W. Lucas Company. She worked primarily in the bridal gown area and retired in 1974. Hilma was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was a member of a Circle, Quilters of Trinity, sang in the church choir for 59 years, and loved singing in the Messiah for 60 consecutive years. She also enjoyed her membership in the Thursday Music Club, Golden Kiwanis, Sons of Norway where she served as treasurer for many years, and was a charter member of Bismarck-Mandan symphony

League. She loved to sing, sew, dance, and play dominoes and travel. She and Ernest treasured their travels to Arizona and other states, and the special trips to Hawaii and Norway. She emulated her philosophy, "keep smiling," and will be deeply missed by her family and many good friends who loved her dearly. Hilma is survived by her son, Keith Blaich of Phoenix, AZ; two granddaughters, Tavia Andre Tan of Seattle, WA and Tamara Blaich of Los Angeles, CA; her great grandchildren, Fiona and Amelia; her sister, Ida Dahl of Seattle, WA; her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Doris Hendrickson of Pleasant Hill, CA and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest; her parents; three sisters, Minnie Matthiesen, Nora Helbig and baby Winnifred and three brothers, Clarence, Clifford and baby Elmer Hendrickson.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ I am a volunteer at Missouri Slope Care Center. I have been visiting Hilma for about 3 years. We always had so much fun talking about Norweign foods and such. I also am full blooded Norweign, so we had a lot to talk about. I will really miss her beautiful smile and her cute laugh. I feel very honered to have met Hilma and I will miss her very much. God bless the memory of Hilma.

Claudia Heitkamp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Hilma was my "second mother". She was truly a woman of grace. I enjoyed many good visits, fine meals and ping pong with Keith in their basement while in high school in Bismarck. I have a galery of photos with Keith in my home as a kid. She was on this earth to influence the world with her gentle kindness and I was influenced by her. Keith, I ironically am in Bismarck as I write this, and I hope I can attend the funeral tomorrow, my friend. What a marvelous yet influencial life she and Ernie lived. I was better for having know them. Shirley sends her love and condolences to you, Kieth. Cal Rolfson

Cal & Shirley Rolfson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family of Hilma. My Aunt Helen Toman was married to Leonard Blaich. That is how I got to know Hilma and her late husband Ernest. They were very nice people. My sympathy to LaDonna Blaich and Allen Blaich in the loss of their Aunt Hilma as well. God Bless You all at this time of loss. Georgene Volk

Georgene Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ To Keith and Families, We are sending our regards and thoughts to you and yours. Willard and Correne and Families

Willard and Correne Blaich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Hello again, We also wanted to include that we are making a memorial gift to Sleepy Hollow Summer Theatre's Foundation in Ernie and Hilma's names. She was always interested in music and young people and this organization continues that mission. The contribution and their names will be noted in the program book for perpetuity. Our sympathy again. Susan Lundberg

Susan Lundberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ What a charming and gracious lady! We remembered Hilma from her days at Lucas'and worked with her more recently at Thursday Music Club events. She was always game! Both Ernie and Hilma were outstanding. Our sympathy to you and your family. Warmest wishes, Evelyn and Susan Lundberg

Susan Lundberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Family of Hilma, I do not receive the newspaper but knew of another friend who recently passed away & in looking at the obits saw that Hilma has gone to be with God and Ernest. I cannot attend the service due to my work schedule but know that Hilma is in my thoughts and prayers. Both Hilma and Ernest were the greatest neighbors anyone could have. They were such a joy to be around and I often wished they had been younger so they could have stayed next door to me & my son, Sean longer. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of Hilma's family. She will be missed.
Maureen

Maureen Stockert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Aunt Hilma was beauty and grace, love and abiding Christian faith personified. My brother, Allen, and I have a lifetime of beautiful memories of her kind thoughtfulness and sweet smiles to cherish. We will always be grateful for the gift of her light in our lives. Love and peace to Keith, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

LaDonna Blaich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM