



Ethel Alice Ausink

November 27, 1917 - April 1, 2019

In Loving Memory of

ETHEL ALICE AUSINK

Ethel Alice Ausink was born on November 27, 1917 in Sioux Center, Iowa to Wilhelmina and John Hoekstra. She went to her Heavenly Home on April 1, 2019 at the age of 101, where she was greeted by her parents, her husband Albert, two brothers (Robert and LeRoy), son-in-law Jerry Fast, and many friends. She leaves behind her 5 children: Bob (Cris) Ausink, Hampton, VA; Corlea (Pete) Boyer, Excelsior, MN; Marianne (Jon) Westlake, Detroit Lakes, MN; Joanne (Dan) Tims, Austin, TX; Rebecca (Mark) Segner, Waconia, MN; her 11 grandchildren: Bruce (Helena) Ausink, Bryan (Jessica) Ausink, Brent Ausink, Bradley Ausink, Kristina (Ryan) Heck, Peter Boyer, Jr, Angela Tims, Matthew (Katie) Tims, Ryan (Allison) Tims, Rianna (Kevin) Lenzen, Shane Segner; and 9 Great-Grandchildren.

Ethel grew up on a farm outside Maurice, Iowa and graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. After teaching in a few country

schools in Iowa, she went on an adventure to Bellingham, WA to begin a new teaching job. There she met Albert Ausink, and they were married in 1945 in Matlock, Iowa. After living in Mt Vernon, WA for 4 years they bought a farm outside Slayton, MN where they raised their 5 children. During those busy years Ethel used her gifts of music and teaching to serve her community and church (Slayton First Reformed Church). She played piano and organ, conducted the choir and musical programs, taught piano to many students, led 4-H, and taught children's Bible classes and adult Bible studies. Later she returned to teaching at various local schools, finishing at the Slayton Elementary School where she retired in 1983.

Her husband Albert died suddenly from a heart attack in 1985 and in 1988 Ethel moved to Victoria, MN to be closer to most of her children and grandchildren. There she continued a busy life of service, not only to her family, but to her community. Continuing her musical pursuits, she played the piano actively in church until the age of 98. She was also a member of the Chan-o-lairs Choir in Victoria, served on the Seniors' Advisory Board, and wrote a column for the Victoria Gazette for 18 years. She fulfilled her passion for travel by visiting 47 states and 15 countries. In 2001, she moved to a smaller home in Excelsior, MN and continued her passions of music, quilting, reading and travel.

While her accomplishments were many, it was her faith and service to her Lord and love for her family that was most important to her. She leaves a rich legacy of faith, joy in living life to the fullest, and unconditional love for her many friends and family.

Cemetery Details

Slayton Memorial Gardens

881 US-59
Slayton, MN 56172

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wooddale Church (Edina)
5532 Wooddale Avenue South
Edina, MN 55424

Church Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Bob, Corie, Marianne, Joanne, Becky, and families,
I echo the sentiments of the rest of the family. We loved Ethel and she loved us! In addition to her wonderful meals, we can never forget her pies! We will never forget her playing for church services, for her hospitality, for taking us to "Little house on the Prairie" and we always looked forward to her handwritten Christmas cards and letters, sometimes 2 pages of paper written on both sides!
Regarding the 2012 trip to Washington, she got so cold watching the fireworks, but she never complained, in fact, she hiked around the Deception Pass area. She was a courageous woman, lived her life fully and for God's glory. We are grieving with you but know she heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And oh, the joy that she has now!
Love to all,
Betty and Al

Betty Smeenk - April 09, 2019 at 02:26 PM

MM

“ Dear Bob, Corie, Marianne, Joanne, and Becky, and family,
We are grieving with you at this time of the passing of your Mom. We know she lived a very full life, energetic and enthusiastic about living, loving and giving. Now she is free from pain and at home in the Lord's presence always. What a comfort to know this! My memories of your mom include Thanksgiving Day weekends with feasting and family while I was at Dordt College. She always welcomed me (and later Bob) so warmly! She had a beautiful way of making us feel special and at home. Her last visit to our house in 2012 was such a fun time around the 4th of July! I remember we filled the day with traveling down to Mt. Vernon and Oak Harbor, and rushed back to Blaine to take in the fireworks show. She didn't slow down at all - what an amazing woman! We'll never forget your Mom and her loving ways, even though we weren't together very often. We can see her influence in all of you as well, in the way you demonstrate caring and love to others. May the Lord bless you and comfort you in the days ahead.

*With our love and prayers,
Bob and Mary*

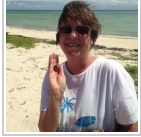
Mary Matter - April 08, 2019 at 11:19 PM

AC

“ Al & Betty, Bob & Mary, Brent & Jan, Mark & Cindy purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.



Al & Betty, Bob & Mary, Brent & Jan, Mark & Cindy - April 08, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ To Bob and Cris, children and grands, Though I only visited with your Mom a few short times, I could tell what a sweet, cheerful, loving person she was. But her story tells me that I didn't know the half of how wonderful she was following the example of her Wonderful Savior. What a beautiful legacy she left you. May the Spirit comfort you all with His Love and Peace. Ellen and Richard Dudley Seaford, VA

Ellen Dudley - April 08, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ Love from the Class of 1970 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.



Love from the Class of 1970 - April 08, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.



April 06, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Families of Dave/Jeanine Tims & Tom/Julie Brown purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.



Families of Dave/Jeanine Tims & Tom/Julie Brown - April 06, 2019 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ *Suzi and John Nelson, Rick and Margaret Dahlgren purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.*



Suzi and John Nelson, Rick and Margaret Dahlgren - April 05, 2019 at 08:17 PM

BB

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with the family at your time of loss. Mrs Ausink was a very fine lady & it was always a pleasure to talk with her when she visited Va.*

Billy Burney - April 05, 2019 at 05:45 PM

AD

“ Dear Bob, Corie, Marianne, Joanne and Becky,
Romans 12:15 says to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” I believe that sometimes we do both at the same time... like today. Today Peggy and I grieve with you on the loss of your dear mom while rejoicing in the knowledge she is face-to-face with Christ her Savior. (I’m sure Uncle Al is pretty happy too!)

Despite living all the way over here in WA, I still have lots of memories of my wonderful Aunt Ethel. The first one that comes to mind is when while in the Navy, I traveled with a buddy from Bremerton to his home in St. Paul. We stopped by the farm in Slayton just to say “hello” but Aunt Ethel would have nothing to do with it! She insisted I stay the night and bought me a bus ticket for the rest of the trip while my friend went on ahead without me. The rest of that day, evening, and part of the next day I had a wonderful time visiting and being loved on. She made me feel very special...I’ll never forget her kindness!



Al DeJong - April 04, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Alice Ausink.



April 04, 2019 at 07:50 PM