



Grace Louise Andell

September 18, 2015

Andell, Grace Louise (Lorimer) 96, formerly of Boca Raton, Florida, died September 18, 2015 at the Augustana Home. Services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, at the Oak Lake Lutheran Church in rural Moose Lake. The fifth of six children, she was born to Rev. Julius and Anna (Erlander)Lorimer on November 7, 1918 in Muskegon, Michigan. Some years later her father became an early pastor of the Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Grace graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis in 1936. She took her undergraduate studies at San Francisco State. With her diploma in education, Grace began her teaching career in Davenport, Iowa. It was during rehearsals for the 'Messiah' at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois in 1943 that she met Arne Andell, a Lutheran seminarian. They were married by her father in Oakland, California on November 17, 1944. Their first home, was in Warwick, Rhode Island where she supported Arne in the development of a mission church. In 1953 they moved with their now three sons to Florida, the beginning of a long and happy relationship for Grace with the state. Until 1973 when Arne died suddenly, she continued to work together as a team in a number of churches, including the successful building of a mission in Miami. Grace raised her family, taught in schools, ably directed multiple choirs for churches, and loved her role as a pastor's wife. For many years she was employed as an elementary teacher for the Zion Lutheran School in Deerfield Beach. She was an active member of the church. Grace continued to work in the Boca Raton Library as a story teller for children, as a

guide at Gumbo Limbo in Boca, and at her church. She moved to Minneapolis in 2007. Grace lived her life with zest and joy. Music was a centerpiece for her as was her Christian faith and family. She was very proud of her Swedish Lutheran heritage and returned to Sweden many times. A true adventurer, she had travelled the world. She also loved to entertain others in her home and provided gracious hospitality. Forever grateful for having shared her life are her sister Denise Kelly of Renton, Wash., three sons, Rev. Paul and Pamela Andell of Aitkin, Minnesota, David and Linda Andell of Minneapolis, Peter and Carol Andell of Emporia, Virginia, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Arne Andell, an infant son, Mark Andell, brothers Emmanuel, Harold, and Paul Lorimer, sister Julianne Swenson and grandson Todd Joseph Andell. Memorials may be sent in her name to Zion Lutheran Church of Deerfield Beach, Florida or to Oak Lake Lutheran Church of Moose Lake, Minnesota. Washburn-McReavy.com Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

Tribute Wall

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“ *I have many fond memories of Grace Andell and her devotion to her family and to her church, Zion Lutheran Church in Deerfield Beach, Florida. She was one of a kind, and will be truly missed. My condolences to her family, including her relatives in Kristdala, Sweden, and to her many friends.*

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