



Harriet (Ostlund) Thureson

January 7, 2007

Thureson, Harriet Lorna (Ostlund) age 81. Born March 1, 1925, Cokato, MN. Died Jan. 4, 2007, New Hope, MN. Survived by husband, Warren H. Thureson, married 61 years. Together they had one son, five daughters, Patricia Feyder (Joseph), Trudy Ohlgren (Alan), Steven Thureson (Mary Lou), Jean Baldrige, JoAnn Looby (Dave), Mary Belden (Tony). Also survived by 12 grandchildren, Andrew (Becky), Alex (Kerry), Joseph, Jason, Brian (Cindy), Julia (Brent), Benjamin, Emily, Amanda, Lauren, Calvin, Elizabeth and 2 great-grandchildren, Tyler and Belén. Harriet lived at North Ridge Nursing Home the last 3 1/2 years of her life. She was extremely courageous and dignified as she battled Parkinson's disease and other health issues. Harriet was known for her generous spirit, kindness to all and maintaining her sense of humor! She will be missed by all, especially her soulmate, Warren. Warren was faithful in his daily visits, and Harriet's face would light up when she saw him. Thank you to the staff at North Ridge for their loving care and North Hospice. Memorial service Saturday, Jan. 13, 12 noon, Parkway United Church of Christ, Lowry & Washburn. Family will receive visitors 1 hour prior to service. Memorials preferred to Parkinson's Research or donor's preference. Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel 763-537-2333

Tribute Wall

NS

“ When I was little, I remember going with my Grandma Galloway to visit with Aunt Harriet -- I was ALWAYS eager to show off my (non-existent)piano playing skills for them! Aunt Harriet always had a way of making me feel so welcome and special. As a teenager, there were many things she sent for me that had belonged to her girls that she thought I might like or be able to use -- she was always so good to me. I think of her up in heaven with her sisters and brother, having a wonderful time, still it is hard to be without them down here too. You are all in my thoughts-- much love,

~

Nichole Sullivan,

Eagan, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nichole Sullivan - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I am praying for your family. I just read about Harriet's passing this weekend in the Parkway Courier. She was so kind and loving to me at Parkway. One of my favorite people. I enjoyed her so much. She made an impression in my heart that will always be there. Thank you. Also thank you Mary for your kindness and love to me. I am so thankful to have known Harriet. God bless all of you. Sincerely,
Angie Drum

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Angie Drum,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Angie Drum - January 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Sorry to hear about Harriet.*

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George Stumpf,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Contact Me

George Stumpf - January 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Grandma Harriet had so many wonderful qualities. She was caring and giving. She was intelligent and chose her words carefully. Harriet was compassionate and forgiving. She was a wonderful cook. She had a great sense of humor. She was sensitive and always had words of encouragement. Grandma and I used to have late night chats back at the house on Nevada, and I learned a lot from her on these occasions. There are so many things I love about Grandma Harriet. She gave me my first piano lesson on the old black piano. I miss her, as we all do, but I know that she is at peace and would not want us to be sad. I love you Grandma.*

~

Benjamin Baldrige,

New Hope, Minnesota

Benjamin Baldrige - January 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Hi Thuresons How much energy did Harriet have? She had six kids yet still found time to come to my baseball games in the mid 70's. Will never forget your Mom's outgoing, fun loving and positive spirit. Love Cousin Kevin (Lisa, Kate, Jenny & James) F.Y.I. Little James Russeth born on December 7'th, 2006 was going to be named Harriet if he was a girl.

~

Kevin Russeth,

San Diego, California

Kevin Russeth - January 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *"When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" "Forgive and forget" "Judge not lest ye be judged" Just a couple of things Harriet used to say to me. My Mom was a pistol; she was feisty, funny, and strong. I will carry her spirit with me forever! Love, Jean (her Italian daughter)*

~

jean baldridge,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

jean baldridge - January 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to each of you and especially, Warren. I have good memories of working with Harriet in the church kitchen. She was a very special person. God bless you and may she watch over us all. Peace*

~

Marlene Mars,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Marlene Mars - January 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Thureson Family, My deepest sympathies goes out to you all at this sad time. I'll always remember your mom with a smile on her face and the pride she had in her family. May God be with you all and give you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

~

Lori (Durette) Austin,

Champlin, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lori (Durette) Austin - January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Joann I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I remember her kindness and smile as we all would gather at your house in New Hope when we were growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your longtime pal.

~

Nancy Deno Gohman,

Plymouth

Contact Me

Nancy Deno Gohman - January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Aunt Harriet, Thank you for being such a wonderful Aunt to us and to our children! We find peace in knowing that you are dancing in Heaven with God and all of our relatives!!! Peace be to Warren and all our cousins. We love you!

~

Don & Loretta (And Kids) Jerome,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Don & Loretta (And Kids) Jerome - January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Warren & family: Our hearts are so heavy with loss of Harriet. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with all of you. I've lost a sister! God Bless All! Harriet, did I ever tell you, your my HERO!

~

Paul & Ann Durette,

Rogers, Minnesota

Paul & Ann Durette - January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Thureson Family* We wish to express our deepest sympathy for the passing of your beautiful mother. Our memories go far back to a time of neighborhood friendships and childrens laughter. We will always remember the Thurseson family that lived second house from the corner on Sheridan. North Mpls was a huge part of our life with many wonderful memories of playing with Patty, Trudy, Steven and Joanne. Our family shares your pain and wants you to know you are in our prayers. God bless. With understanding and love, *The Ervin Illies Faimly*

~

Lois Peterson,

Maple Grove

Lois Peterson - January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Pat: My thoughts and prayers are with you, your Dad, and all of the family. My memory of your Mom goes back 40 years and to how kind she was to my Mom when my Dad died. She was a very busy Mom at that time, with all of you kids, but she found time to sit with my Mom and visit many afternoons. That was the kind of person she was - so thoughtful and caring. May God Bless you and your whole family with the strength to get through the hard times and remember all the good times. Love, Sherrie (Campbell) Fischer

~

Sherrie Fischer,

Cromwell, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sherrie Fischer - January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My prayers are with you all. I have fond memories with (Great) Aunt Harriet at our family gatherings. My thoughts are with you all. Blessings, Nancy Plankenhorn*

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Nancy Plankenhorn,

Belfair, Washington

Contact Me

Nancy Plankenhorn - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Grandma, Thank you for being such a wonderful example to me growing up!! I learned many great things from you such as cooking skills, patience, love, and keeping things neat and clean!! You are such an awesome woman and you will be greatly missed!! I love you very much!*

~

Emily Baldrige,

New Hope, Minnesota

Emily Baldrige - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dearest Jean, Warren and the entire Thureson family, I feel that I have been on this journey with you the last few years! Being so close to Jean and talking with her about Harriet's decline the last few years has been so hard. She had the most devoted family and I'm sure that she did have a hard time "leaving the party." I always enjoyed my visits with Harriet. She always had that sparkle in her eyes when I would see her. Yes, her legacy of love and fond memories that she leaves in all of you is the best gift of all! In deepest sympathy and in celebration of a remarkable woman! God bless you during this difficult time! Love, Gayle Carlson

~

Gayle,

Maple Grove

Gayle - January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Dear Thureson Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have many great memories of my Great Aunt Harriet. She will always be a special memory for me. Love to you all.*

~

Sue Bevans,

Brainerd, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sue Bevans - January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to express my sympathy to Harriet's family. My memories of her at Highland Park Church many years ago are a tribute to her kindness. May God bless you during this difficult time.

~

Myra Carroll-Pezzella

Contact Me

January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Pat and family: So sorry to hear of your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

~

Carol Peterson,

Onalaska

Contact Me

Carol Peterson - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *JoAnn and Dave, Warren, and all the Thureson family--we are so sad to hear of Harriet's passing. She was such a kind and gentle soul. We pray for all of you, especially Warren. Sadly, we will be out of town this Saturday and regret that we will miss the memorial service. May you all celebrate the life of this great lady! --Tim, Lynn, Maureen, Bridget and Anna*

~

Tim Looby,

Waconia

Contact Me

Tim Looby - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ My heart goes out to Warren and the entire Thureson family. I know the loss is difficult but you have lots of love and memories of Harriet to keep you strong. Love to you all.

~

Etta Looby,

Maple Grove

Contact Me

Etta Looby - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“*JoAnn, Dave, and Family, Please know I am thinking of you at this difficult time. A very dear aunt of mine recently died after a very long struggle with Parkinson's disease - a terrible condition. Thank you for sharing your mother through the wonderful obituary. It was a wonderful tribute.*

~

Carole Carlson,

Crystal, Minnesota

Carole Carlson - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I want to express my sympathy to Harriet's family. My memories of her at Highland Park Church when I was growing up are a tribute to her kindness. May God bless you during this difficult time.

~

Myra Carroll-Pezzella,

Buffalo

Contact Me

Myra Carroll-Pezzella - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ I know this is a very difficult time for your family. I work with Jean and I know how hard this will be on her, she is a very devoted daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Vi Ahrens,

Mpls.

Vi Ahrens - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ So So Sorry for your loss Jean and family! Thinking of you!!

~

Michelle Ochsendorf

Contact Me

January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Pat and Family, May your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

~

Jane (Clifford) Stack,

Brooklyn Park

Jane (Clifford) Stack - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Grandma, I love you dearly and I keep you in my thoughts daily. I will always remember your tender ways and positive attitude. Thanks for letting me tear through your pots and pans, making a garage sale in the middle of your living room and baking up a storm in your kitchen. It's the little things I will remember and cherish. Thank you for these and many more special memories. Love you,
Amanda

~

Amanda Baldrige,

Blaine, Minnesota

Contact Me

Amanda Baldrige - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Joann, Dave and Lauren, I was just sick to hear of your mothers passing. Our prayers go out to you and your family. I know you will miss her so. I'm sorry we won't be able to attend the service on Saturday as we will be out of town. You guys are the best hosts and I know you will have quite a send off for Harriet. Sincere sympathy,

~

Ruth and Sean Sullivan,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ruth and Sean Sullivan - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the Looby Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. Bachman's Employees' Club--Ruth, Joyce and Patrick

~

Ruth Sullivan,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ruth Sullivan - January 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ We miss you Grandma deeply. Your macaroni and cheese cannot be replaced. I remember visiting as a young lad performing chores and being rewarded with a great supper. Thank you for buying me soccer shin pads when I was young even though you said you did not have a lot of money but you knew that they were important to me and watched my face light up when I tried them on. Thank you for always making Cindy feel like she was part of our family.. The THURESON family has truly lost its MATRIARCH.. WE love you GRANDMA.

~

Brian Thureson,

Stillwater

Contact Me

Brian Thureson - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Our deepest sympathies are extended to our friends, Tony and Mary Belden, their children Cal and Liz, and their family on the passing of Harriet. Harriet leaves behind an exceptional family, which is the best legacy of all.*

~

Steve and Carol Huso,

Mahtomedi

Steve and Carol Huso - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Harriet was a wonderful lady. She raised 6 children into great audlts. We Love You Jo, Dave and Lauren!! Cheri, John, Justin, Kimberly and Jacob

Maple Grove

January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to our very, very special and dear friends, Patty Ann and Joe and your entire family. We love you and we are thinking about you. Much love, Lola and Roger

January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I have many happy memories of your Mom. When she first started working, she took Gini and I to have our very first photographer picture, as a surprise to my mom. She fixed our hair and dressed up like dolls. That is just one of the many thoughtful things that she did. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you. Eldo and Bugs

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Eldo and Bugs Schmidt,

Brainerd,

Eldo and Bugs Schmidt - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I have such nice memories of Auntie Harriet. I'm sure God has had a great reception for her and will continue to bless Uncle Warren and all the children (my cousins)*

~

Todd Schmidt,

Jonesboro

Contact Me

Todd Schmidt - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.* ”

~

Bruce and Julie Kingsley

January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I miss you Ma!*

~

David Looby,

Maple Grove

Contact Me

David Looby - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM