



Lila Theressa Lee Storaasli

September 14, 1919 - August 19, 2023

"Surely goodness & mercy will follow me all the days of my life & I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever"

Storaasli, Lila Theressa Lee died Aug 19, 2023 at 103 years 11 months.

She was born Sept 14, 1919 on a dairy farm near Freeman Church up a winding road from Ferryville, Wisconsin on the Mississippi River. Lila enjoyed animals, helping her dad Ole milk cows. She raised a calf which won a blue ribbon in the County Fair. She grew up with 2 brothers (one died at 12) and 4 sisters, graduating from Viroqua High School. As she'd skipped a grade, she attended Gale College one year until she was old enough to enter the Fairview School of Nursing in Minneapolis earning her RN degree to begin work as a surgical nurse in Mankato. Lila met her husband, Olaf, singing in a joint Luther Seminary-Fairview Nurses Choir. They married in 1942 and spent their lives devoted to each other, their faith, service to others, and their children, 1 son and 3 daughters. Lila's 1944-59 Saskatoon homes welcomed/housed Seminary students/guests as Olaf was Pastor & Seminary President.

She served on Boards of Lutheran Nurses Guild, Women's Missionary Federation & Lutheran Sunset Home's First Board. Before moving to St. Paul, in 1959-60, Lila and her family lived in an Edinburgh flat, culminating in a 3-month summer camping trip in 13 European countries.

Returning to St Paul, Lila resumed nursing at Fairview & Lyngblomsten and extended her gracious hospitality, including hosting students from Holland,

Turkey & India. Lila loved summers at Ottertail Lake, sabbaticals (Edinburgh, Claremont, Rome, New Guinea & Richmond), co-led Holy Land Tours & world travel. She loved Bible book groups, singing in choir, quilting & shared God's love 63 years at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. She loved music, regularly attending Orchestra and opera in Saskatoon and Minnesota. Lila always set a beautiful table, was a well known baby whisperer and an intrepid cribbage player. She learned to pump gas at age 86, flew in her grandson's experimental aircraft at age 92 and swam in Ottertail Lake until age 102.

Preceded in death by husband, Olaf; parents, Ole & Mena Lee; brothers, Rev. Orlando (Myrtle) Lee and Harold Lee; sisters, Gladys (Lawrence) Froiland, Mildred (Oris) Churness, Amber (Reuben) Helgerson; brother-in-law, Nulton Sandwick and 2 sons-in-law, François Hutin & James Nestingen.

Survived by her sister, Edith Sandwick; children, Olaf (Barbara) Storaasli, Carolyn Nestingen, Faith Hutin (Arnold Rydman), Elizabeth Storaasli (Mark Knutson); 11 Grandchildren, 19 Great grandchildren, Olaf L. Storaasli /Andrea Balloun (Lila, Nora), Paul Storaasli/Sabrina Almeida (Zoe), Andrew Nestingen/Karen Baker (Ella, Willa), Peder Nestingen/Sarah Horstmann (Ansel, Alida, Harriet), Jacob Ole Nestingen/Sonja (Thore, Caia, Lilja), Erica Ullsvik/Matt Jahnke (Adeline), Stephanie Hutin/Florencio Zavala (Mena, Frankie), Claire Hutin/Tamer Harpke (Penelope), Marit Knutson/Haakon Nelson (Endre, Silje, Knut), Anna Knutson, Britta Knutson/Patrick Hughes (Sverre), all of whom she loved dearly.

Memorial Service 3:00 PM Saturday, September 23 (visitation from 2-3PM) at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church 2323 Como Avenue, St Paul.

Refreshments following service.

Service will be live streamed. You may view at SAPLC YouTube link.

SAPLC Memorial Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChCVd5Zetx5uQM1xqsgM0zQ>

Also a slideshow of her life at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzodtPmH3SY>

Memorials preferred to Lutheran World Relief LWR.org, St Anthony Park
Lutheran Church SAPLC.org or Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation OIF.org

Tribute Wall

SS

“ My deepest sympathy Carolyn and family. I had such good times with Lila. After my MIL Beth Satre passed she included me in her Sunday jaunts with her closest friends. I felt so loved. I will miss her greatly. Love and sympathy to the whole family.

Sharon Satre - September 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Aunt Lila was a wonderful person and an inspiration to us all. I know you'll miss her greatly. Thinking of you all.
Ann



Ann Kelly - September 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Dear family,

Lila was such a gracious, kind person. I am grateful to have known her. "And her children shall rise up and call her blessed" Proverbs 31:28.

Nancy Koester - September 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Memories and affection gathered over decades don't show up readily in words. But they do in kindnesses shown and remembered. Of which we all received, and deeply appreciate, many from Lila.

David Wright - September 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ Mom meant so much to so many for so long, demonstrating her unflinching faith in our redeemer. I've collected memories to share: <https://olaftn.com/Lila.html>

Olaf O. Storaasli - September 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so touched to read about Lila's long life and her wonderful, huge family. (I am a friend of Carolyn and Jim). What a beautiful obituary! God bless her family with comfort in their time of loss.

Jane Harty - August 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Hey, Mom and Dad!
You have a guest, come to see you!

Rusty J Rust - August 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Godspeed, Aunt Lila. As a caretaker during my early years, you were always an inspiration to our whole family you will, certainly, be missed!

JOHN STORAASLI - August 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ A 1973 student of her husband Olaf, I came gradually to know Lila through her kindness to students with Luther faculty wives and her faithful attendance at St. Anthony Park Lutheran. Assigned her name to call upon through SAPLC's "Meeting the Moment" campaign, I got to pay her a final visit, where she received me just as cordially as she did when she was "young" (like in her 70s!). She represents for me the determined, resolute faith of our foremothers, and I rejoice to have known her.



Mark Nygard - August 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM