

## Edythe Victoria Falck

Born March 16, 1923

Parents Harry & Victoria Lindberg

Died November 28, 2010, Golden Valley, Minnesota

### PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

**Husband of 57 years:** Lloyd H. Falck

**Daughters:** Susan Falck, Nancy Falck

**Grandson:** Matthew Olson

**Brother:** Russell Lindberg

### SURVIVED BY

**Sister:** Delores McMullin

### Children:

Karin (Ross Olson)

Thomas (Mary)

Heidi (Tim Erickson)

Timothy (Laurel)

Christina (Steve Scott)

### Grandchildren:

Jeffrey, Jason, KaWan Olson, Susan Anderson

Nathan, Candis Erickson

Sharonda Scott

Kathryn Falck

### Great Grandchildren:

Laura, Helen, Esther, Clara Olson

Christopher, Patrick, Aizec, Annika Olson

Elijah, Maria, Solomon Erickson

### Edythe Victoria Falck

Edythe Lindberg was born in 1923, her older brother, Russell, in 1921 and her sister, Delores, in 1925. She remembered a simple childhood with her siblings. Her father, Harry Lindberg, worked for the Milwaukee Railroad. Edythe remembered that if they got one toy and an item of clothing for Christmas, that was all they expected and it was much appreciated. They walked 3 blocks to First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church at 1900 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Its name changed eventually to Emmanuel Methodist.

Edythe was 11 years old in the late fall of 1934 when a Swedish Evangelist, Elsie Elween, speaking in Swedish an English interpreter, came to their church for meetings that were attended by several other congregations. Edythe went forward to accept Jesus as her personal Savior. She remembers that on the walk home, her grandfather, Bengt Lindberg, grilled her, apparently worried that she was too young to understand.

Edythe had a good voice and sang duets at church with her brother Russ, who also wrote music and played the guitar, accompanied by their sister Delores on the piano. Edythe moved to California in 1944 and lived in Hollywood with Aunt Amanda and Uncle Albin Johnson (a Pentecostal evangelist) and got a job with Lockheed in Burbank as supervisor of a supply room for 6000 engineers. After the war she returned to Minneapolis and was again living with her parents and sister when she met Lloyd.

Lloyd and Edythe's first date occurred when Lloyd's friend Eugene got engaged and invited Lloyd to a celebration party. Lloyd declined because he was not dating anyone, so his friends suggested a blind date with Edythe. That was September 1946 and in November Lloyd proposed marriage. Edythe asked him if he wanted children. He said "yes," she said "yes" and they were married in June of 1947. They proceeded to have 7 children, Karin in 1948, Tom in 1949, Susan in 1952 (who died at 6 weeks of age of a "hole in the heart" – just before surgery became possible), Heidi in 1953, Nancy in 1954 (who developed Type 1 diabetes at age 5 and died of complications at age 12), Tim in 1957 and Christina in 1959. Both Edythe and Lloyd were thrilled with each pregnancy and welcomed each baby into the family.

Edythe was never afraid to talk to anyone and met many famous people including Roy Rogers at his museum, Dorothy Lamour, as she approached her dressing room on location in El Monte, Milton Berle in an airport and Northwest Airlines CEO Donald Nyrop at the Los Angeles airport — he was head of the company that employed Lloyd for 39 years. She served salad to Billy Graham at George Wilson's wedding dinner and recognized Harold Stassen at an airport (by his toupee) and energized the peripatetic politician by introducing him to a dozen Republican relatives. She also heard and shook hands with Aimee Semple McPherson the evening of the last service before her untimely death. Edythe talked with Hubert H. Humphrey at a Shattuck High School Commencement. Actress and singer Susanna Foster was in her home room for seventh grade and they corresponded after Susanna had become famous. She had a lengthy conversation with Kirby Puckett in a restaurant, in which he asked and she gave advice on a family matter. She asked him where his cabin was and jokingly promised to see him there the next weekend, all without knowing who she was talking to. (Her son Tom later told her.)

She worked 20 years for the Minneapolis Schools as a teacher aide, one of the first in the country, mostly at Phillips Junior High where she became secretary to the Assistant Principal. She earned 60 college credits in night school during that time, which merited her promotion to School Assistant. She even disciplined a student for swearing at her.

The Principal backed her up and the mother thanked her. The boy also came back when he graduated from high school and thanked her for helping set him on the right track, saying that he wanted to become a social worker.

She liked to tell everyone that she was a Chinese Grandmother when Karin & Ross adopted two children from Hong Kong and that she "delivered them" (flying to meet them at their port of entry and bringing them home) Her grandchildren now include an African American, and great grandchildren include another Chinese and an Ethiopian. She was proud of her family and continually prayed for them.

Until her vision became too poor, she was known for her amazing capacity for producing beautiful cross stitching, including 45 baby quilts as well as many large quilts and numerous dresser scarves and wall hangings. She also did marathon cookie baking at Christmas time, peaking her production at 360 dozen. She was very organized as the children grew up, keeping clothes sorted by age and gender in the attic for hand-me-downs and buying gifts on sale for future birthdays and other occasions. She kept busy up to her death organizing and giving away her collections of prized possessions. Having grown up during the Depression made her thrifty and she would save and re-use wrapping paper, undaunted by the good-natured teasing she received.

She was also famous for her cheerfulness in spite of many difficulties including her gradual loss of sight. Her love for the Lord and ability to encourage others by her optimistic and resilient faith made her a fun person to be around. Her patented sense of humor took teasing to a high art form and kept you paying attention. She was always pretending to take her children out of her will for various offenses – at least we think she was pretending!

**December 4, 2010, 11:00 am**

Prayer Rev Joel Sutton

Hymn "Children of the Heavenly  
Father" #44

Tribute from the grandchildren  
Nathan Erickson

Hymn "Blessed Assurance" #345

Tribute from the children Karin Olson

Scripture Psalm 23  
by great grandchild Laura Olson

Flute Solo "How Great Thou Art"  
Deborah Holman

Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" #186

Sermon Rev. Joel Sutton

Hymn: "When We All Get To  
Heaven" # 542

Accompanist Barb Olson  
Hymn Leader Dr. Robert Chapman

Pallbearers  
Eric Anderson  
Kevin Callahan  
Nathan Erickson  
Gary Lindberg  
John McMullin  
Christopher Olson  
Jason Olson  
Jeffrey Olson

Memorials to  
First Evangelical Free Church  
5150 Chicago Avenue South  
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Or  
Campus Crusade for Christ  
(Paul and Karin Lindberg)  
Anything undesignated will be sent 50% to each



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Born March 16, 1923

Died November 28, 2010

Aged 87 Years, 8 Months, 12 Days

"Blessed is she who patiently endures trials;  
for when she has stood the test, she will gain the  
victor's crown — even the crown of Life — which  
the Lord has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12