



Edith Elizabeth Ailie

October 24, 1921 - March 25, 2015

Edith Elizabeth Ailie, age 93, of Dassel, died Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at the Cokato Manor. A funeral service will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015, at 11:00 am at the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato. The interment will be held at the Cokato Finnish Cemetery following the service.

A visitation will be held on Sunday evening March 29, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a time to share at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel. There will be a one hour visitation prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Edith Elizabeth Ailie was born on October 24, 1921, in Ramsey, Michigan to Leander and Martha (Lamminen) Jacobson. She was baptized in Ironwood, Michigan. Her father died in 1924 in Ironwood, Michigan and at the age of seven she moved to Dassel with her stepfather, Hans Kalli and her mother. She attended Little Swan School and Dassel High School, graduating in 1939, and Hutchinson Teachers Training class, graduating in 1940.

On July 15, 1942, she was married to Clifford Ailie at Great Bend, New York, while he was in the United States Army. They also lived in New Jersey and Atlanta, Georgia before he was sent overseas.

After the war, they lived in Sartell before moving to the farm in northeast

Dassel. There they lived for twenty-five years and raised their family of six children. In 1971, they moved to Waite Park where they lived for sixteen years during Cliff's employment at the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Cloud. In 1987, they retired to their home at Big Swan Lake northeast of Dassel.

Edith taught a total of six years in Meeker and Wright Counties, and was the last teacher at Knapp School from 1968 to 1971. She was the reporter for the Dassel Dispatch and reported the North East Dassel News. She had worked at Haapala Seed for nine years, was a nursing assistant and volunteer at Waite Park Nursing Home, and was a volunteer at the Dassel Lakeside Nursing Home. But most of all she made a home for all of her family.

Edith enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. Her church family was very important to her. She will be greatly missed at Ailie Camp.

She was a member of Grace Apostles Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Dassel Area Historical Society, Finnish American Historical Society of Cokato, and a charter member for over fifty years of the "Swanview Birthday Club"

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford in 1995, her parents, infant brother, Lloyd Kalli, infant sister, Elaine Kalli, brother, Earl Kalli, step-brother, Elmer Kalli, step-sister, Louella Dandridge, son-in-law, Colin Callister, and a great grandson, Benjamin Olson.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Callister of Cannon Falls, Carol (Duane) Sangren of Litchfield, Mark Ailie of Dassel, Janet (Keith) Barberg of Dassel, John (Kathy) Ailie of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and Scott (Marlys) Ailie of Detroit Lakes, twenty seven grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and another one on the way, sister-in-law, Bette Kalli of Baxter, Minnesota, many

nieces, nephews, special god-daughters, Joan (Tormanen) Lindula, Mary Ann Leukuma (Manthey), and Mary (Isaacson) Hershey, god-son, Tim Haag, special visiting companion, Nancy Piepenburg, and many friends.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Edith's passing. She has been an Icon in the community and at the Lake. RIP Edith. I Still remember one evening she was sitting outside on her chair and I walked over to say hi and see how she was doing. She said she was waiting for her bible study friends to pick her up and asked how she looked. I said well Edith you have green paint on your face what have you been doing. She said well I thought I got it all off LOL. She had it in her hair and on her face. I helped her get cleaned up and off to her Church Group she went. She never did tell me what she was painting.

Ron & Cindy Johnson - May 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM

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“ My Deepest sympathy to all of the Ailie family on the Loss of Edith, she always wore a smile. In the summer she would ring my doorbell and have relatives with her to tour our house as she use to live there years ago.Blessed be her Memory

Gail Nelson - May 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ We are sorry to miss Edie's funeral where we could talk to all of you personally. Your Mom was a very special lady. In the early 90s I was teaching adult ESL in the evening and had many students. Some of them were from Finland so I called Edie and asked if she would help with the class. She taught the Finnish students and I worked with the others. Everyone appreciated her help! Many other good memories also. Sorry for your loss but happy for her that she is with her heavenly father.

May 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM



Thank you for your comment. You didn't leave your name at the bottom. I'm Grant Ailie, her grandson and I am going to write a book on my grandma and her life and legacy and am in the process of collecting memories and other biographical info to use for my book. If you care to contribute, please let me know. Grant Ailie

Grant Ailie - May 07 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ *So very sorry to hear of the loss of your precious Mom. I share in your sadness but also share in your joy that she is Home safe and sound. The Lord surely watches over our coming in and our going out and will be with you as you journey on without her. My love and prayers are with you.*

Margie Bang Stewart - May 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM