

Proverbs 31:10-31

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Myrtle Eva Otelia Johnson Olson

Myrtle Johnson was born on a farm in Rockford Illinois. Her parents were immigrants from Sweden who had lived only a few miles apart on the island of Öland, but did not meet until they moved to Rockford Illinois.

She had three siblings, two sisters and a brother. As a young child her family moved to Upsala Minnesota where she attended school until her father developed tuberculosis of the shoulder and had to enter Glenn Lake Sanitarium. The family moved to Minneapolis and her mother took a job sewing for Juster Brothers. She said that they moved often because they were noisy farm kids who could not be quiet enough for their neighbors. Her father eventually recovered enough to work as a watchmaker. She graduated from South High in Minneapolis and took a job with Northwestern National Life in the actuarial division while attending extension classes at the University of Minnesota.

She met Stanley Olson at the First Covenant Church Youth Group after having been to the World's Fair when they arranged to get together to look at each other's pictures of the attractions. The attractions proved to be more than just pictures. They were married in a very small ceremony at the First Covenant Church Chapel in February 1942 before Stan was commissioned as a supply officer in the Navy.

Raising the four children, Ross, Merodie, Timothy and Bryan, born at about 3 year intervals, was a plenty big job but she also always had time for volunteer work. For many years she worked with Pioneer Girls Club at First Evangelical Free Church and helped organize Minnesota Pioneer Girls "Camp Cherith," which used a group camp called "Head of the Rapids" in St Croix State Park. She was known at camp by her bird name, "Brownie" (short for Brown Thrasher). She also helped lead Bible Study Fellowship and later Women's Neighborhood Bible Study at First Free Church for 15 years. She was a Deaconess and did visitation, continuing that until very recently.

She was famous for her hospitality, having as guests not only family and friends but missionaries from around the world. And for many years, for a few weeks in the summer, Myrt and Stan rented a cabin on a lake near the Twin Cities building memories for the grandchildren and eventually also the great grandchildren.

In her late 80's she mastered the use of a computer in order to better communicate with the family, to record memories and help in putting together photo albums and ancestor books for the children and grandchildren.

Myrtle E. Olson
Born March 28, 1913 in Rockford IL
Parents Ernest and Alma Johnson
Died December 5, 2005 in Burnsville
Minnesota

Survived by husband of 63 years,
Stanley.

Children: Ross (& Karin) Olson,
Merodie (& Paul) Nielsen, Timothy
(& Carole) Olson, and Bryan
(& Diane) Olson.

Grandchildren: Jeffrey (& Rachel)
Olson, Susan (& Eric) Anderson,
Jason (& Tami) Olson, KaWan Olson,
Heidi (& Chris) Boyum, Scott
(& Amy) Nielsen, Heather (& Frank)
Armstrong, Ryan (& Molly) Nielsen,
Jill Olson, Luke Olson and Dawn
Olson and two in heaven, Andy
Olson and Matthew Olson.

Great Grandchildren: Laura;
Christopher, Patrick, Aizec; Meghan,
Madeline, Thöger; Wyatt, Hope;
Isaiah, Josiah, Keziah; Jasmyne,
Janay and two more on the way.

She was a prayer warrior, had a
servant's heart, was blessed with
many gifts, was a wonderful teacher
and example and will be greatly
missed. Yet the loss is only ours
because she is with the Lord she
loved so very much.

She was a leader in Bible Study
Fellowship, Women's Neighborhood
Bible Study and Pioneer Girls Camp
Cherith.

Funeral at First Evangelical Free
Church of Minneapolis
11:00 am Friday, December 9, 2005
Interment at Fort Snelling National
Cemetery after lunch

Welcome Pastor Joel Sutton

Song:
How Great Thou Art #4

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31
Merodie Nielsen

Solo
Children of the Heavenly Father
KaWan Olson

Tribute from the Children
Ross Olson

Tribute from the Grandchildren
Ryan Nielsen

Song: Amazing Grace #202

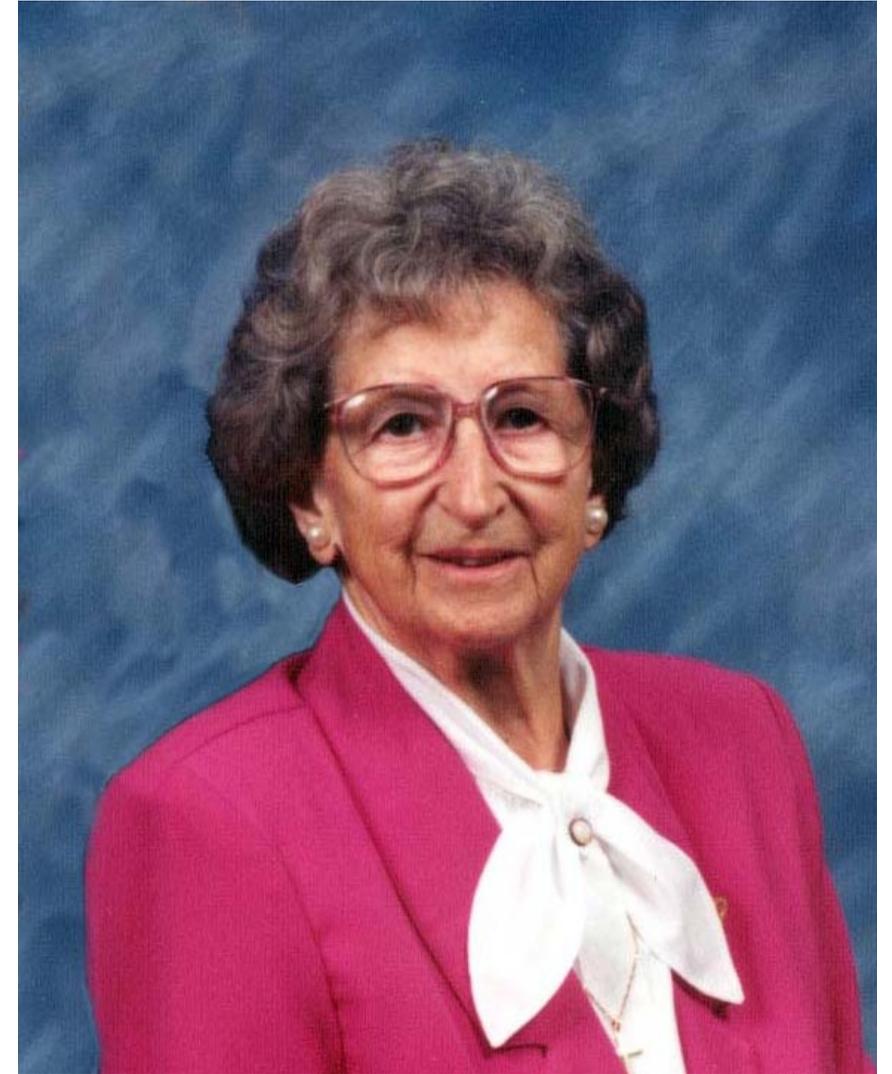
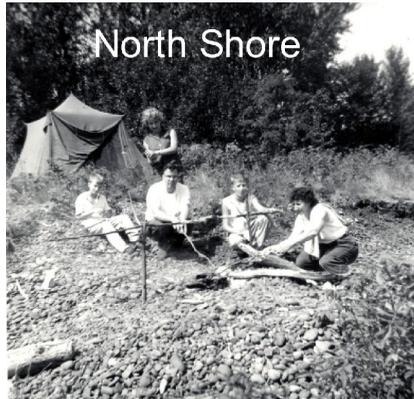
Sermon
Pastor Sutton

Solo He the Pearly Gates
Will Open

Accompanists Tim Anderson
Barb Olson

Pallbearers
Chris Boyum
Ryan Nielsen
Scott Nielsen
Jason Olson
Jeff Olson
Luke Olson

Memorials to
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Aged 92 Years