

There's A Reason

*For every burden that we bear,
For every sorrow, every care*

There's a reason.

*For every grief that bows the head,
For every tear-drop that is shed,*

There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,

*For every lonely painracked night,
There's a reason.*

But if we trust God as we should

*All must work out for our good.
He knows the reason.*



*Celebrating the Life Of
Edna H.
Carlson
August 28, 1920
July 29, 2016*

Services At:

St. John's Lutheran Church ~ Starbuck, Minnesota
Wednesday ~ August 3, 2016 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend Angel Scott

Organist:
Pam Mathiason

Congregational Hymns:
"Praise To The Lord Almighty"
"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
"Take My Life And Let It Be"
"Praise God For When Blessings Flow"
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
"O' Take My Hand Dear Father"
"Just As I am"

Interment:
Valley Grove Lutheran Cemetery
Nerstrand, Minnesota

*Pedersen Funeral Home - Morris, Minnesota
www.pedersenfh.com*

Edna Lillian Hanson, daughter of Rev. Olaf and Helga (Arnestad) Hanson was born on August 28, 1920 at the parsonage near Frost, Minnesota. She was baptized on October 3, 1920, in Bethania Lutheran Church near Frost; and confirmed on August 12, 1934 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Kelliher, Minnesota. Edna was united in marriage to Truman Carlson on June 7, 1948 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Solon Springs, Wisconsin.

Edna's formal education began in a rural school in the Frost area and continued in the public school in Kelliher, Minnesota. She graduated from Kelliher High School as the class valedictorian in 1937. Edna continued her education at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, graduating in 1941 with a BA in English. While in college, Edna studied music and together with her brother Orvis, performed in a Shakespearian Drama.

Edna's teaching career included stops at Villard, Rushford, Crosby-Ironton and Graceville, Minnesota. Her 22 year career was interrupted to raise a family of five children. She was a wonderful mother and homemaker. Edna was a talented seamstress and enjoyed knitting and hardanger embroidery. She was also a great conversationalist with a subtle sense of humor. She and Truman shared an avid interest in genealogy, which led to a re-acquaintance with distant relatives in Norway.

In her retirement years, Edna enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She had a "green thumb" and found much enjoyment in her African violets, and her outdoor rose and wildflower gardens. She and Truman enjoyed many years of quiet solitude at their family lake home near Vergas, Minnesota. They also enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and two treasured trips to Norway – meeting relatives there for the first time. Participation for nine years in the Scandinavian folk dance group, the Norskfödt Danseringen, added zest to their retirement years. They valued the friendship and camaraderie of the "coffees" with the retired teachers.

Edna died on Friday, July 29, 2016 at the Stevens Community Medical Center in Morris. She was 95 years old.

She is survived by her husband, Truman, Morris, MN; five children, Jeanne Anderson, Maple Grove, MN, David Carlson, Watertown, SD, Cathryn (William Parks) Carlson, Asheville, NC, Elizabeth Carlson, St. Paul, MN and Richard (Karen) Carlson, Rochester, MN; one brother, Allen Hanson, Northfield, MN; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Edna was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Orvis, two sisters-in-law, Constance Hanson and Lorraine Hanson and one son-in-law, Bruce Anderson.



In Loving Memory