



1927-2024

Memorial Service for:

Harriet Eckland

OBITUARY

Harriet Hansen Eckland, passed peacefully in her sleep December 16 at 97 years old at her residence at Riverview Landing in Otsego, Minnesota. She is now free.

Born in 1927 in Superior Wisconsin. She was preceded in her death by the love of her life Bud, her parents, her sister Barbara and her daughter in law Penny.

Harriet and Bud grew up in Superior and as they started their family together moved to Minneapolis where Bud taught school and together they had four children who survive them; Paula (Patrick) Donnelly, Ellen (Richard) Puppe, Sara(Keith) O'Brien, Robert Eckland. Grandchildren Pete Donnelly (Sara), Meggan Baade (Mike), Christine Baker (Greg), Beckie Ellinghysen (Justin), Sam Puppe, Elizabeth Pflingsten (Matt), Emelie Jensen (Matt), Anna Anderson (Tyler), Hattie Eckland, Tim Eckland (Rachelle), Laura Aldrich (Andrew), and eighteen great grandchildren.

Her faith has always been the foundation to her loving attitude and actions. Her energy was devoted to her church involvement though a lifetime in the choir, leading as in the ALCW, PEO, and in the community through Girl Scout leadership, Parent-Teacher Assn, active in the Civil Rights effort, and President of the Minnesota Epilepsy League She spent years as an elementary school secretary.

Harriet was creative and learning in new avenues constantly, crafts, cake decorating, floral arranging. She was admired for her welcoming hospitality and kindness. She loved sharing her home and her Norwegian culture which she was proud of and shared through her baking and hospitality generously. Harriet loved the water sailing, swimming, and her precious cabins at Pike Lake and Lake Amnicon. Even as dementia challenged her she maintained her beautiful loving temperament with all who had the opportunity to meet her.

We will miss her and she will be with us forever.

Many thanks to her caregivers at Riverview Landing Memory Care, Trinity Hospice, and Elk River Lutheran Church where she will be celebrated January 13, 10 am visitation, 11am service, lunch to follow. Please join us.

Any memorials can be made to those mentioned above or donor choice.

IMAGINE

stepping onto a shore and finding it heaven

IMAGINE

taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand

IMAGINE

breathing new air and finding it celestial air

IMAGINE

feeling invigorated and finding it immortality

IMAGINE

passing from storm & tempest to an unknown calm

IMAGINE

waking and finding it home—

Celebration of Life for
Harriet Eckland

January 13, 2025

Officiants: Rev. Nathan Mugaas & Rev. Anne Schaefer

Accompanist: Val Behling

Soloist: Taylor Quinn

Greeters: Gene Gunderson & Susan Bishop

Ushers: Ron & Sue Sass

PROCESSIONAL SONG

How Great Thou Art, ELW 856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

GATHERING

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

MOURNER'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Extolled and hallowed be the name of God throughout the world which He has created according to His will. And may He speedily establish His kingdom of righteousness on earth. Praised be His glorious name unto all eternity. Praised and glorified be the name of the Holy One, though He be above all the praises we can utter. Our guide is He in life and our redeemer through all eternity. Our help cometh from Him, the creator of heaven and earth. The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their life abide among us as a loving benediction. May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort all the bereaved among us.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

Meggan Baade, granddaughter

MUSIC

Children of the Heavenly Father, ELW 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by Betsy Pfingsten, granddaughter

Psalm 23 – Text by Bobby McFerrin, Introduced by Paula Donnelly

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.**

**She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.**

**Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.**

**She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.**

**Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever & ever.**

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen

John 14:1-6

Read by Bekki Elimghysen, granddaughter

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC

Amazing Grace, ELW 779

- 1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*
- 2 *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*
- 3 *Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*
- 4 *The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*
- 5 *When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: God of us all, your love never ends.

When all else fails, you still are God.

We pray to you for one another in our needs,

And for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day.

To those who doubt, give light;

To those who are weak, strength;

To all who have sinned, mercy;

To all who sorrow, your peace.

Keep true in us

The love with which we hold one another.

In all our ways we trust you.

And to you,

With your church on earth and in heaven,

We offer honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Harriet. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: Amen.

MUSIC

I Know My Redeemer Lives, ELW 619

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG

The Hallelujah Chorus, Instrumental

Following the service you are invited to a luncheon gathering in the Community Room.



Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.