



Sylvia Ruth Adrian

August 18, 1916 - December 3, 2009

The soul of Mrs. Sylvia Ruth Adrian, by the merits of her Lord Jesus Christ, was called home to heaven on December 3, 2009, having reached the age of 93 Years, 3 Months, 16 Days.

The seventh and youngest child of George and Neva (Drader) Hinkley, Sylvia Ruth Hinkley was born on the family farm on E Wellman Line Road in Fremont Township, Sanilac County, Michigan, August 18, 1916. Her father was renowned in the area for training horses to work together as teams for farm work and her mother worked at home as a seamstress and a weaver of rag-rugs.

From 1922-1929 she and her sister Marjorie attended the Red Rural School in Fremont Township in Sanilac County. The school has since been razed and the Fremont Township Hall now sits on the same site. Her family attended the Mennonite church near her home at Wellman Line and Comstock Roads. She became a child of God through the sacrament of Baptism in July 1928 being baptized in the tradition of the Mennonite church through immersion in the Black River near Croswell.

After eighth grade graduation in 1929, the family sold the farm and moved to Port Huron where her dad found employment at the Mueller Brass Company. Sylvia attended Port Huron High School and graduated from there in June of

1933.

The family moved back to Yale in 1936 where she met the young man who would become not only her husband but her soul mate in life. The courtship would have trying times as from 1937-1939 Sylvia was stricken with tuberculosis and was hospitalized for 22 months at the Sanitarium first in Howell and later in Ann Arbor. The young man's family had moved from Yale to Imlay City where his dad had established his own business, Adrian's Harness Shop. Bob would not be deterred but made weekly trips to Ann Arbor to visit and encourage the love of his life. In answer to many prayers, the LORD restored health and healing, the TB was arrested, and Sylvia was able to return home.

On July 11, 1940, in the home of her parents on N Main Street in Yale, Sylvia Hinkley, became the bride of Robert Adrian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adrian, Imlay City. Rev Albert Tietz, pastor of St Paul Lutheran Church, Imlay City, performed the ceremony in the presence of several relatives and friends.

Sylvia was confirmed into the Lutheran faith on April 6, 1941, by Rev Tietz and became a member of St Paul Lutheran Church in Imlay City. In 1948 they moved to Yale and became members of Redeemer Lutheran Church where for more than 30 years she sang in the choir and served as a Sunday School teacher and in the Dorcas Society. When Redeemer Lutheran merged with Emanuel Lutheran of Greenwood Township, she continued as a member of the choir and Sunday School staff, as a member of the Ladies Aid, and was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society of which she also served for a term as president of the Thumb Circuit of the LWMS.

Mrs. Adrian served as a short order cook at the Yale Bowling Alley (1953-1956), as 2nd cook at the Yale Public Schools (1956-1961), as cook and waitress at Meharg's Dairy Bar (1961-1966), and when Frank sold the dairy

bar, as manager of London's Dairy Bar (1966-1971), as waitress at the Coffee Cup Restaurant (1971-1973), and as Pay-roll clerk, invoicing and accounts receivable for Master Products, Yale, from which she retired in 1974.

Mrs. Adrian was a tuberculosis survivor as well as a breast cancer survivor. In later life she learned to adapt well to both partial deafness and lost of eye sight. Her faith in her Lord Jesus never wavered or failed and she would always remember her children, grandchildren and family to her Lord in daily prayer.

Mrs. Adrian is survived by her four children: Robert (Karen) Adrian, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Karl (Sharron) Adrian, Yale; Fred (Karen) Adrian, Wyoming, Michigan; and Louise (Mike) Jaskoski, Kingsport, Tennessee.

In addition to her children, Mrs. Adrian is survived by fourteen grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchild; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Cornelia Theel, Brown City; special niece and companion, Betty Miller, special cousins Marie and Richard Roberts, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, January 10, 1997; her parents George and Neva Hinkley; her mother-and-father-in-law Fred and Emma Adrian; her siblings and spouses, Leila (Andre) DeLombarde, Marie (Harold) Murphy, George (Zota) Hinkley, Marjorie (Lloyd) Taylor-Sheehy, and two infant siblings; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law Alice and Harold Kegler and a brother-in-law, Charles Theel.

Visitation for Mrs. Adrian will be held at the Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, on Sunday, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Monday morning at Emanuel-Redeemer Ev Lutheran Church, Yale, from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. conducted by Pastor Andrew Schroeder, pastor of Holy

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Port Huron. Mrs. Adrian will be laid to rest next to her husband at Christian Memorial Gardens Center Christian Cemetery, Speaker Township, Sanilac County, Michigan, to wait the day of Resurrection.

Memorials are suggested for Holy Redeemer Ev Lutheran Church, Port Huron; Emanuel-Redeemer Ev Lutheran Church, Yale; or to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Redeemer Lutheran Church
11089 Yale Road
Yale, MI

Tribute Wall



“ My heart and prayers go for all of you at this time. It is not easy to lose a parent, but with faith and prayer, we all get through it. Your mom, who I have always loved dearly and never forgotten, showed me how to be strong, to believe in faith and trust to get through any situation. She was a very caring and loving lady and never turned you away. No matter what happened, she would always smile and make the best of it. Even when you went behind her and closed each cupboard door so she wouldn't hit herself on them! Your mom and dad will always hold a special place in my (and my sons') heart. They were a true life's blessing and will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Betty (Farden) Mason##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 08:26 AM



“ Bob and family, my thoughts are with you at this time of loss. Your mom was a wonderful person. I remember her so well at the high school. Her picture looks as I remember her. She was very sweet and had a way of making you feel like you were a very special friend to her and someone she really cared about. I believe she really did care about and probably prayed for all of us kids that she knew at the school. You will miss her but you had many wonderful years with her and you have those memories forever. She touched many of our lives and I feel blessed to have known both your mom and dad.##imported-begin##Gayle Dunsmore##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 09:19 PM



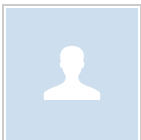
“ Dear Bob and family, You had your mom many years longer than many of us. My mom died when she was 64. I still miss her, but have many wonderful memories. I remember your mom very well. She was always kind and soft spoken. Her picture is very much like I remember her. She will always be in your heart and be with you. Cherish the warm memories.##imported-begin##Judy Brown - Murray##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 02:58 PM



“ Hello Bob, Remember me? We had many classes together plus many conversations. I remember your mother as the cook at school. She was always smiling and pleasant. She lifted my spirits daily. I am sorry for your loss, but as a born again Christian myself, I know that your mother is in a better place. Not only has her hearing been restored, but also her sight. Be brave and wait patiently for the day you will be together again.
Linda (Brown) Mace##imported-begin##Linda (Brown) Mace##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 06:50 AM



“ It is hard to lose a parent. You are in my thoughts at this difficult time. Donna##imported-begin##Donna Lee Shephard Galbraith##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 05:55 AM



“ *Bob and Family, Your mother and father passed on a tradition of deep faith to you and to your entire family. That faith will get you through these difficult days as your mother embarks upon a new adventure. The days of your lives are blessed with the certain assurance you are in the care of a loving God. That is a gift from your mother, taught by her example. The moving tribute sent by her grandson, Robert Adrian III, bears witness to my words. How proud she must be her family! Beth Johnson###imported-begin##Beth (Chatterton) Johnson###imported-end##*

December 06, 2009 at 01:49 PM



“ *Bob,*

We remember your mother well. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Pat shares many of your interesting and informational notes with us. We so enjoy them.

Elmer & Frances Peters###imported-begin##Elmer & Frances Peters###imported-end##

December 06, 2009 at 12:07 AM



“ I am sorry that I couldn't come this weekend to help celebrate the life of this woman who was so many things to so many people. Gramma is the center of my family. I wasn't able to visit her as I would have liked, but I know she knew that I loved her very much. I never heard a negative word leave her mouth, and I never felt anything less than the most important person in the world when I was with her. I imagine everyone else had the same feeling because Gramma was more than just a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

My schedule kept me from going to Michigan this weekend but please know I am there in spirit. My thoughts and my love are with you all. My condolences to all.

I can't stop being excited for gramma. She has seen God. She has seen the face of Jesus. She has been reunited with grampa and family and friends that were called before her. I can't wait for the day when I will be reunited with gramma. Maybe she will accompany me when Jesus takes me by the hand and takes me into the presence of God the Father.

I love you all.

Robert Adrian III###imported-begin##Robert Adrian III###imported-end##

December 05, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ Bob and Family, You were blessed to have a loving mother for so many years. I'm certain she appreciated her family. Please accept my sincere sympathy at this very difficult time. She will stay in your hearts, and you will find strength through your memories.

Pat Bruner###imported-begin##Pat Peters Bruner###imported-end##

December 05, 2009 at 03:31 PM