



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Lillian C. Burgeson

Age 97, of Osseo, Minnesota, formerly of Saint Louis Park, Minnesota and later resident of Bloomington and Maple Grove. Passed away on June 13, 2008. Member First Covenant Church of Minneapolis, Northwest Conference Covenant Women, retiree of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company.

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY
Husband, Sheldon
Daughter -in-Law, Julie Burgeson

SURVIVED BY
Daughter, Sharen Peters and husband Jack, Son Thomas Burgeson,
Grandchildren and step-grandchildren,
Patti Twohig (Steve Niday),
Jim Peters, Julie Peters-Caufield (Pat), Cindy Peters, Shauna Peters,
Ben Burgeson, Andrea Burgeson, Ann Mortenson,
Matt Mortenson (Angela), Mike Mortenson (Chrissy).
Great grandchildren and step-grandchildren, Denis Peters, Lily Niday,
Emma Caufield, Mara and Maxxe Jackson,
Kaitlyn and Kyle Mortenson, Emma Mortenson.

~ SERVICE ~

2:00PM

Monday, June 23, 2008
Lakewood Cemetery Chapel
3600 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN.

VISITATION: ½ hour prior to the service

~ INTERMENT ~

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Lakewood Cemetery

~ MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO ~

First Covenant Church,
810 South 7th Street,
Mpls., MN. 55415

www.1stcov.org

OR

Minnehaha Academy,
3100 West River Parkway,
Mpls, MN. 55406
www.minnehahaacademy.net

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Born August 3, 1910 in Minneapolis, the only child of Selma and Claus Carlson. Her parents were both Swedish immigrants who met, married and settled in South Minneapolis. "Lil" graduated from Central High School in 1928 and shortly thereafter her father passed away. She went to work for a local real estate company, Thayer and Smith, helping to support her widowed mother.



Lil and her family were members of First Covenant Church and it was there she met "Shel". It was the beginning of the depression but after dating for several years they married on July 6th, 1935 and spent all but two of their fifty-nine years together in the Minneapolis area. Those two years were spent in Missoula, Montana where Shel went to work for Montana Dakota Utilities. Their daughter Sharen was born in 1939 and soon after they returned to Minneapolis. In 1944 they rejoiced at the birth of their son Tom.



After the end of WWII, Shel established Thomas Construction and began building homes in the post-war housing boom. They moved to Richfield and later to St. Louis Park. In the early 1950's, Lil and several of her girlfriends would go to work for a week or two at Dayton's during its annual "Daisy Sale". They spent way more on their purchases than they made in wages, but everything they bought was at an employee discount! Eventually for Lil, the temporary work at Dayton's turned into the full time job that she held until the early 1960's when a back injury forced her to quit. Several years later, she returned to full time work for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company and worked there until her retirement.



She and Shel had a wide circle of friends, mostly from First Covenant, and whom she loved to entertain. She was a wonderful cook and especially loved to make cookies, rice pudding and Swedish meatballs! Even in her final months in the nursing home she wanted to be sure to have cookies to offer her visitors along with coffee in the coffee shop. She loved to send and receive cards for any occasion... birthday, holiday, illness or whatever. Birthdays had to be celebrated and there better be cake, candles and presents from Grandma! She just loved to socialize and as many of her lifelong friends began to pass away, she made new ones wherever she lived. She outlived most of her lifelong friends save one, her dear friend from her teen-age years, Evelyn Johnson.



As a parent, a grandparent, and great grandparent she showered her family with unconditional love and support and welcomed each new member of the family with warmth and affection.

From an early age, Lil was the consummate caregiver. She always remembered to include the widowed aunt or uncle, cousin or anyone who had little family at the Sunday after-church or holiday dinner. Her loving care and concern for her mother would be maintained throughout Selma's ninety-six years. She lovingly cared for Shel after he suffered an aneurism in 1989 and throughout his illness until his death in 1994. After his passing, she continued to live independently and, as she and her friends aged, became the one to drive them to appointments, to church, and to visit others. Only after she moved to Maple Grove at the age of ninety-one, did she sell her car and give up driving, but she did it on her own.

Throughout her life, and the many challenges life brought, she never wavered in her faith. Going through her things I found a list she wrote of some of her favorite Bible verses. She certainly lived this one.

"Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; live one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." Romans 12:9-10

