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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ellen Christine Doran

Age 97 of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Beloved daughter and fifth of seven children, was born to Lydia and Martin Doran (she of Swedish and he of Irish descent) on October 23, 1909 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ellen, along with her six sisters and brothers, was raised in the Seward neighborhood of South Minneapolis where she attended the Seward School and South High School, graduating in 1927. Ellen grew up in the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Minneapolis where she became grounded in her faith. As a young girl, not ten years of age, Ellen experienced the loss of her father when he vanished, never to return to his family. His disappearance remains a mystery to this day. Undoubtedly, the faith, strength and courage which Ellen observed in her mother as she went on to raise her family of seven children alone would serve Ellen well later in her own life and work.

In preparation and response to God's call on her life, Ellen attended (then) Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, graduating in 1930 and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she graduated in 1933. It was at Moody that Ellen met a young woman from Cortland, New York, Emmagene Coats, who also felt called of God to the mission field. A friendship and close bond was forged and as partners together they were led to a lifetime of service in Morocco. After Moody, before leaving for Morocco, Ellen and Emmagene worked for several years at the Northern Gospel Mission Station at Silverdale on the Sturgeon River in Northern Minnesota. This was a time of training and testing in preparation for what lay ahead.

Together, Ellen and Emmagene sailed on the S.S. Roma from New York on January 4, 1939, landing on Morocco's northern shore at Tangier on January 17. They would launch a work (initially under the Gospel Missionary Union) that would endure for more than fifty years. Upon their arrival in Morocco, sometimes called "The Land Farthest West" or "The Land of the Setting Sun", they located first at Meknes, situated in the Middle Atlas, where they began their Arabic language study. Ellen wrote of this time, "We desire and pray that our tongues might be loosed and our voices raised in proclamation of the Word of Life to these who sit in darkness and the shadow of night and death, from which there is no waking."

Then followed Khemisset and the war years. In the fall of 1939, World War II broke out. As time went on, many missionaries left Morocco to serve in other places. In fact, the door was about to close when Ellen and Emmagene slipped in. They were two of only four single women who chose to remain on the field during the war years. During this period, a new ministry opened up to them among the military personnel when the Allied troops landed on the shores of Morocco late in 1942. Many of them began to drop in at the mission stations. Some of the boys were Christians, and while in Morocco others received Christ as they continued their visits with the missionaries. Ellen and Emmagene felt that this opportunity of serving, especially the American boys, was indeed the privilege of a lifetime.

Next, a brief stay in Azrou and then, in the summer of 1951, to Ain Leuh and the eventual establishing of the Children's Home. Though located in an area of the country occupied by American missionaries, Ain Leuh had never had a resident missionary. Here they would go on to raise several Moroccan children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, while at the same time ministering in various ways to countless others whom God brought to their door, from neighboring villages or distant places. Ain Leuh, "A beacon set upon a hill," was to be a light in the darkness about them. Ellen and Emmagene claimed ISAIAH 55:12-13 for Ain Leuh:

Isaiah 55:12 - 13 (KJV) ¹²For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

In June of 1993, Ellen wrote the following which summarizes their life and work: "He told me so plainly some fifty years ago, 'If you love me more than all else, feed my lambs.' Well, that is just what we've been doing ever since." Ellen entered into the presence of the Lord on October 17, 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with burial there in Crystal Lake Cemetery on October 22, 2007.

"...and ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8



~ PRECEDED BY ~
Parents, Martin and Lydia C. Doran;
Sisters, Ruth E. Doran, Dorothy L. Bergman;
Brothers, Chester M. Doran, John J. Doran,
Paul E. Doran, William J. Doran; Niece, Karen L. Dowell;
Beloved friend and sister-in-law, Myrtle H. Doran;
Ministry Partner and sister-in-Christ, Frances Emmagene Coats.

~ SURVIVED BY ~
Nieces, Carolyn R. (Rev. Douglas) Fraley, Elizabeth E. Bergman,
Renee E. Schafer, Dorothy A. Bergman, Kathleen M. Bergman,
Mary Jo Nuquist, Ruth Ann (Michael Jr.) Soltis;
Nephews, Robert P. (Marlene) Doran, David E. (Trish) Doran,
Roger J. (Maxine) Doran; the "Ain LEuh family
and many other family, friends and supporters of the Ain Leuh Ministry.



~ SERVICE ~
Monday, October 22, 2007
Redeemer Residence Chapel
625 West 31st Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

~ VISITATION ~
1 hour prior to the service

~ INTERMENT ~
Monday, October 22, 2007
Crystal Lake Cemetery

~ MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO ~
Village of Hope/Ain Leuh,
Redeemer Residence,
Northwestern College
or Moody Bible Institute