



Edith Edberg

August 19, 1920 - August 19, 2007

FELCH - Edith E. Edberg, 87, of Felch, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Kingsford.

She was born July 6, 1920, in New Egypt, N.J., to John and Esther (Johnson) Anderson. When she was two years-old, her father died and she and her mother moved to Metropolitan to be near family there. She was raised and educated in Metropolitan and Armada, Mich., graduating from Felch High School in 1936 at the age of 16.

She attended Eastern Michigan University and then married Arnold Edberg on Sep. 20, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1981. After six children, she returned to college and completed her teaching degree at Northern Michigan University. She also studied at Oxford University in England.

She began her teaching career at Longfellow School in Foster City, then taught in Felch and retired from the North Dickinson Schools.

In addition to teaching elementary school, she was a piano teacher for many years and was very proud of the accomplishments of her

pupils. Her commitment to her music students continued long after her retirement as she accompanied students in solo and ensemble competition

well into her 80s.

Her passions included travel (especially to England), reading, classical music and opera, crossword puzzles, knitting and needlepoint, good conversation and pride in her family which included her Zion church family. Her life was one of service to her church and community. She was the organist and choir director at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan and was honored by the congregation on July 8 for more than 50 years of service.

She was a member, pianist and resident philosopher of the Kiwanis Club. She was recognized as a First Lady of Dickinson County and a Bresnan Super Senior. She served her community as a hospital gift shop volunteer, VFW Auxiliary member, Cub Scout, Girl Scout and 4-H leader and numerous activities involving church and young people.

Edith is survived by four children, Mary Lou (David) Blomquist, Jim (Barb) Edberg, Bill (Rita) Edberg and Bob (Karen) Edberg. She leaves nine grandchildren, Mike Blomquist, Mary Beth (Blomquist) Krueger, Tom Edberg, Diana (Edberg) Reynolds, Robin (Edberg) Strauss, Allison and Angie Edberg, Jason and Ryan Edberg; and six great-grandchildren; a cousin, Doris Johnson; sister-in-law, Vernice Palmer; brother-in-law, Melvin Edberg; several nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; two sons, Arnold (Pug) and Thomas (Andy) and a granddaughter, Tammy Edberg.

Friends may call at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home today between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. A brief prayer service will be conducted at 6:45 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Bill Jacobson on Wednesday at

11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

Family members will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences to the family of Edith Edberg can be expressed online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Endowment Fund of Zion Lutheran Church, Metropolitan Road, Felch, Mich., 49831.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Our sincerest condolences to all of the family. We remember Edith as a lovely presence at so many school functions and as a wonderful pianist as well as a great conversationalist. God bless.*

Tom and Elouise Rossler - September 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *To all of Edith's Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Edith was such a lively person who had so much joy to share. She encouraged everyone and only seemed to see our good sides.

I have recalled over the last days some of the good times when she would take Andy and I to a Disney movie, or a sight seeing trip like to the Keewenaw Peninsula. We were really sincere singing those hymns while she drove on Brockway Mountain Drive!

She was our Sunday School & Bible School teacher from the early days and of course the only organist I ever saw at Zion. It was always especially comforting to see her at the organ when I returned home. The visits have been less and less frequent over time yet she was a constant. She is practically synonymous with Zion. It will be quite a different experience to come to church without her at the organ.

We all share your loss of such a fine lady.

Doug & Cynda Davidson and Family

Doug Davidson family - September 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Mary Lou, Jim, Bill, Bob and families - We were so sorry to hear about your mother passing away, hopefully she didn't suffer at the end - you all have our deepest sympathy*

Joanne & Allen Shangle - August 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bill and Rita and the entire Edberg family. Donna and I were saddened by the news of the passing of your mother. Our deepest sympathies. John and Donna Marshall*

John F Marshall - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Bill:
Sorry to hear the bad news about your mother-you have our condolences. From the obituary, it was obvious she was a special person, who gave more than generously to her family, students and the community. We need more people like her.*

Tony

Tony and Susan Kronicich - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *To Mary Lou, Jim, Bill & Bob: Living across the street from your family while growing up, I came to know your mom as a patient piano teacher, a wonderful neighbor with a cheerful nature, a motivator with a can-do attitude, and a strong Christian. You are to be proud of her legacy. She will be missed.*

Joyce Ward - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *MaryLou, Jim and families, Our condolences to you all during this difficult time in the loss of your Mother. Our thoughts and prayers go with you all. Love, Nita and Glen.*

Anita and Glen Westphal - August 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *To the entire Edberg Family- I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Edberg's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of her during my years of piano lessons and also from Kiwanis meetings with my father. She always had the best hugs and a smile waiting. Her words of wisdom always came in handy. She will be truly missed. May God bless you all during this incredibly hard time.*
Gen, Mike and Austin Angeloff

Gen (McIntyre) Angeloff - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was a wonderful lady and leaves many fond memories for many people. God Bless you all in your sorrow.*

Meridy

Meridy Sundholm - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Edith was such a central part of my daughter's growing up years. Gen took piano lessons for years. We looked forward to her visits, with her chatty nature and her "waft" of perfume. She was an incredible person and our family, along with the entire community, will miss her greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Nancy McIntyre - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *MaryLou, Jim, Bill and Bob*
Expressing my deepest sympathy with the passing of your mom. I will keep you and your mom in my prayers. I will be forwarding a donation on her behalf to the Endowment Fund of Zion Lutheran Church. God Bless to all of you during this sad time.
Bernice Siegler

Bernice Siegler - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *I miss you grandma!*

Allison - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *To the entire Edberg Family:*
My Mother was a cousin of Edith Edberg. I grew up in Felch from 1939 to 1956 at which time we moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. During that period of time, your Mother taught me how to play the piano. My sincere sympathies to your whole family.

Dorothy Sundquist - August 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM