



Louise Faust

February 6, 1924 - February 6, 2011

Louise M. Faust, 87, of Evergreen Heights Assisted Living, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011.

Louise was born Aug. 9, 1923, in Rock Island, Ill., daughter of the late Manley and Amelia (Stang) Norton.

She married Harold V. Faust on Oct. 18, 1947, in Rock Island, the same year she graduated from Moline Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses specializing in obstetrics. In June 1948, Harold was ordained by the Augustana Lutheran Church and called to serve as a missionary in Tanganyika, East Africa. After almost a year of preparation, the Fausts set out on their journey to Africa.

After her arrival in Africa, Louise was trained in the use of tropical medicines, general treatment, and diagnostics. She used this training to assist in the dispensaries at the various mission stations where they served. Little did she know this was the beginning of a 26-year nursing career.

As time went on, Louise learned the Swahili language which made her work at the dispensary a little easier. Observing the customs and social structures of the Barabaig tribe and with her sincere love for them as human beings, she built a rapport with the women of the tribe. Delivering many of their babies, Louise was soon endeared with the nickname "Mama Gawistchi" which

means "she who moves quickly." She and Hal continued their work in Africa until they returned to the United States in 1975.

Only God knows how many hearts and lives were touched, but one thing is for sure, God worked many miracles through the Fausts' ministry. As a result, the Gospel reached the ears and hearts of many people. Their ministry brought them to Iron Mountain and Louise quickly became involved in the church and community. She worked as a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. Louise was very active at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and in the Upper Peninsula Cursillo movement.

In 2004, Louise published a book detailing their time in Africa. When asked about this, she simply replied, "were it all to end tomorrow, I feel I have lived life to the fullest."

Louise is survived by three sons, Mark (Vicki) Faust of Dallas, Stephen (Vicki) Faust of Spread Eagle, Wis. and David (Diane) Faust of Negaunee; two daughters, Ann (Ibrahim) Ismail of Oakland, Calif. and Linda (Brad) Karlgaard of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; grandchildren, Peter (Jamie) Bandy, Bahanan, Dalmar, Ebado and Ismail Ismail, Seth, Ethan (Jennifer), Lindsey and Nathaniel Gibbon, Kelli (Lee) Westhafer, David (Chelsea) Karlgaard, Ingrid (Jon) Bechard, Elsa Faust, Eric (Chelsey Gerich) Faust and Daniel Faust; and great-grandchildren, Leila, Kira, Katrina and Henry.

She was preceded in death by Hal on Dec. 28, 2006. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Richard Norton.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Stephen

Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Louise's memory to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for world hunger or Global Health Ministries mosquito bed netting program.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the love and compassion shown to Louise by the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ Dear Steve, Vicki and Family,
It is with a joyful heart I write this that Louise and Hal are united again with friends and family who have been in their hearts and absent from their daily lives. It is with sadness that I think of this world absent Louise's smile and love and prayers. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you feel this separation and may all these memories and loving thoughts comfort you. I choose to think about what a reunion is going on in the house of many rooms that is prepared by our father to welcome us! I wish I was in the UP to give a hug and to have shared in celebrating her life today. Please know that I am thinking of you all and grateful for the love, knowledge and faith ministry that I received from Louise as a friend and as her partner through Cursillo. I look forward to the day I will see her again and can give her a hug. With love and appreciation. Lee Ann Loupe

Lee Ann Loupe Melanson - Delta, CO - Friend - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Vicki and Steve and family, we send our sincere sympathy to you all. Louise was a remarkable, loving and caring person who will be missed by all who knew her. I was fortunate enough too have first met Louise at Marygrove when I made my curissillio in 1995. What a special lady she was. Mike also new what a special lady she was and recalls the time that Louise had fallen and he was there to pick her up and care for her. I know that all those who knew her will have cherished memories to hold on to in their hearts forever. May all your memories in your hearts give you peace and comfort. She is in a beautiful place now reunited with Hal and we look to the day we can meet again. May God Bless and give you peace. Love, Debbie and Mike Oberdorfer

Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer - Kingsford, MI - friend - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Mark, Ann, Linda, Steve, David and family,
As much as I adored your mom and am so deeply saddened that she's no longer with us, I am glad that she is no longer suffering and with Hal and our glorious Savior! I feel so blessed to have been given the opportunity to get to know your family. I always told your mom how beautiful her smile was, and she needed to share it more often. That memory of her ear-to-ear grin will stay with me always. Your parents were truly inspirational, wonderful people, and I am happy they are together again. May God ease your aching hearts, and guide you through this difficult time. I will keep you all in my prayers!*

Brianne Bellmores - caregiver - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear family of Louise and friends,

Carley and I have been expecting the news of Louise's going home to be with her Savior. The list of former Tanzanian missionaries is getting shorter almost every month. What a great reunion must be taking place in heaven! The wait for joining that reunion is getting shorter all the time.

I had the privilege of being a classmate of Hal at sem. We just got to spend four years together in Tanzania. In fact, we arrived in Singida the Sunday the Balingida station was being officially opened. We also had the privilege of serving at Kijota in the train of Hal and Louise.

There are few friends that we remember with more gratitude and admiration that the Fausts. We are vacationing in sunny California now but our hearts and prayers will be in Michigan tomorrow.

May our Savior comfort all of you by the assurance that because He lives we all shall also live with him and our brothers and sisters in Christ FOREVER!

Love to all,

Bob and Carley Engwall

Bob Engwall - Golden Valley, MN - Colleague and friend - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Hi Linda. So sorry to hear about your mother. I read about it on Steve Malloy's Facebook page. Hopefully you remember who I am. We graduated from RVA together. Hope you are well/okay and asking G-d to bless you and your whole family. Love and shalom, Dar

Dar (robinson) Kofsky - minnetonka, MN - friend of Linda Karlgaard - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Steve, Vicki and family,

Condolences and prayers to all of you on Louise's passing. She was a Spread Eagle legend. I am remembering many summer evenings sitting on the Poisson deck chatting with Louise about her work in Africa. She was a remarkable woman, a pioneer and an inspiration for all of us. She will be missed. Love, Clair & David Pasahow

David & Clair Brooks Pasahow - Dallas & Spread Eagle - Spread Eagle neighbor - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

F"

“ A bittersweet Birthday for you this year Steve; so saddened to read of your Mother passing on to Eternity here; I have so many awesome memories of my overnights with Fausts out at the Barabaig Mission I wouldn't know where to begin; your mom would cook up one of the largest bowls full of Oatmeal for breakfast {it seemed for about ten ...of us kids} that I can ever recall! Believe me, Harold & Louise's influence upon the Faith of this young life was so deep & more than you know. My Thoughts & Prayers are with you all up there in Michigan as we mourn her passing, but we Rejoice at Christ Jesus' promises of bringing her to the foot of His Eternal Throne of Grace; May His Peace abide with you all...Love from Steve & Sue in WA State

F. Steve Malloy - Silverdale, WA - Tanzania MK, a "Cousin" - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Faust Family,
With deep sadness we learned of your mother's passing. But it is with great joy that we remember her as a cheerful, loving woman who accomplished so much in her 87 years on earth. We personally spent many happy hours with Louise and Harold when we lived two doors from the Mission House in Rock Island. Many late Sunday evenings watching "Maverick," meals together, picnic outings to parks -- so many good memories. Our children and you grew up together, contributing to the ties that bind. Please know that we will always remember and cherish the goodness and friendship of your parents. May the love of God and the prayers and support of many friends sustain you at this trying time.
Love, Marjorie and Perry Mason

Marjorie and Perry Mason - Rock Island, IL - Friends - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I grew up at Calvary Lutheran Church in Moline, IL. I remember Louise and Harold from there. Harold was once my Sunday School teacher. I kept in touch with them when they were in Tanganyika and occasionally since when they lived in Michigan. I married in 1950 and was ordained in the Augustana Church in 1961. My wife remembers Louise and her mother, too (as did my mother who was also a long-standing member of Calvary.) We recall Harold's passing. And now word has come to us of Louise's call home. We were saddened to hear, but rejoice also in her victory made possible by the Lord whom she loved and served all her life. Please accept our condolences. May her memory live on to remind us that someday we, too, shall be reunited with all who have gone before us. May God bless her memory to all who knew her and all our lives with whom she came in contact. Blessings and peace to all the family.

Rev. D.R. Strandlund - Cullman, AL - Old friends - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I am sorry for your loss, your mother was a great woman, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Pam Parsons Dupuis - Friend - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Wes and I are so sorry to lose Louise to this earthly life. We cherish our memories of many hours spent with Louise and Hal at their Spread Eagle home. I am so glad she gathered her letters into the book about their missionary years. We will be unable to travel to Iron Mountain this time, But our love and prayers are with all of you.

Ann Hanson - Spread Eagle and Muncie, IN - friend - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *When I was in the hospital to have my son ... Lousie had been the nurse on duty when I was in labor to have son.... But I didnot have him until that Friday morning ... Then her husband Rev. Faust was the one that had bless my son so could have god in his life*

Carrie Liddle - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM