



Erlyn Christine Efirm

October 22, 2014

Erlyn Christine Olmstead Efirm passed away the morning of Monday, October 13th, 2014. A longtime resident of Huntsville, Texas, Erlyn was known and deeply loved by her family and by many in Huntsville through her active involvement in numerous community organizations as well as with Faith Lutheran Church. Erlyn was born to Captain Erling and Mrs. Edna Olmstead on May 2nd, 1930 in Galveston, Texas. She spent her childhood in Galveston, living through the Great Depression and World War II before graduating from Ball High School. While in Galveston, she met her future husband, Henry Hugh Efirm, and after a two year engagement, they were married on February 13th, 1960. The couple lived for many years in Houston, Texas before moving to Huntsville in 1978. Erlyn and Henry enjoyed twenty-five wonderful years of marriage with their two children Christopher Henry and Charlotte Ruth before Henry passed away in November of 1985. In the years since Henry's death, Erlyn became very active in the Huntsville community. Over the years, Erlyn was involved in such organizations as the Huntsville Garden Club, the HEARTS Veterans Museum, the Huntsville Leadership Institute (where she was in class number 7), the Huntsville Kiwanis (where she was the first female member) and the Business and Professional Women of Huntsville. She also served on the Board of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and was the ticket Chairman of the Sam Houston Folk Festival for three years. Erlyn was also very involved in her church. A lifelong Lutheran of Norwegian decent, Erlyn was a very active member of Faith Lutheran Church. She sang in the

church choir for many years, was active in the Faith Lutheran Woman's group and participated in most of the church's activities throughout her time in Huntsville. Constant through everything were the three anchors of her life: her family, her faith in God and life in the church, and her music, especially the piano. In each of these she found tremendous joy and happiness. Erlyn is survived by her son Christopher and daughter Charlotte, her daughter-in-law Jennifer and grandson Bryce, and by her brother Ellis Olmstead and family of Sherman, Texas. The funeral will be held at 9:30 am on Wednesday, October 22nd at Faith Lutheran Church. The burial will follow that afternoon at Oleander cemetery in Galveston, TX where she will rejoin her beloved husband after almost twenty nine years of separation. A visitation will be held Tuesday night, October 21st from 5 to 7 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the HEARTS Veterans Museum, 463 Highway 75 N, Huntsville, TX 77320. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Erlyn Christine Efird*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My condolences to Erlyn's children and Ellis on the loss of your mother & sister. I have known Erlyn since childhood as we grew up in Galveston attending Zion Lutheran Church and graduating from high school together. We had many good times as members of the church Luther League and one, in particular, was a progressive dinner where we went to the different homes of some of the members for different courses of our meal. Erlyn's mother was a gracious hostess & always welcomed me to their home. I was able to have a few nice visits with Erlyn several times in later years at our high school get-togethers. It was always fun to be with her and recall old times! May she rest in peace.*

Frances Nelson Koopmann - October 20, 2014 at 06:30 PM

RG

“ Dear Chris and Charlotte,
I just found out tonight from my daughter since she saw your post on Facebook about your dear mom.
I will always cherish the time when she played the piano at my mom's 80th birthday party in 1989. She was a dear lady and I know how much you will dearly miss her. Just know that she is in the arms of our loving Father in Heaven. She will be deeply missed by our family. She will always remain in the hearts and minds of all of us who loved her. May she now rest in peace and know how very sad I am to hear of her passing. May God Bless and strengthen the two of you and other members of your family at this time of sorrow. If you would please send me a bulletin of the funeral since I would love to be there for you all. Again I send you my deepest condolences. Much love to both of you, Rondi (Randi) Gresvik-Robbins and family.

Rondi Gresvik-Robbins - October 15, 2014 at 07:52 PM

MF

“ Charlotte,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful person. You and your Mom were wonderful neighbors to my Mom and Dad and for that I will always be grateful. You and Chris are in my thoughts and prayers.

Monetta Mooney Frenza

Monetta Mooney Frenza - October 15, 2014 at 04:13 PM

DB

“ Charlotte,

How very, very sorry I was to hear about your Mom. She was such a very special lady...

You continue to be in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Diana Barnes - October 15, 2014 at 01:47 PM

MF

“ Chris & Charlotte: we are so sorry for your loss. We all loved Eryn. It has been a blessing being neighbors with you and your family for 35 years. I know she and your dad are rejoicing in Heaven together. We are all praying for you.

Mellicent Wiley and Family - October 15, 2014 at 01:21 PM

LC

“ Charlotte- I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. I know so well the pain of losing a parent. It is hard, but I pray that you find comfort in the knowledge that she now has no pain, no struggles, and joy beyond our comprehension. You and your family are in my prayers, as you go through the coming days, and beyond, that God will grant you peace, comfort, and healing of your hearts. Remember the joyous times and treasure those! Hugs to you!!!

Laura Conner - October 15, 2014 at 12:49 AM

JK

“ Dear Chris & Charlotte,
Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Mom. Regardless of how prepared we think we maybe it's still heartbreaking to lose our Mom. We're thinking of of you and wish you the best.

Love,
Jill & Toby Knocke

Jill & Toby Knocke - October 14, 2014 at 08:21 PM

PE

“ Charlotte and Chris - We were saddened to hear of your Mom's passing but when she closed her eyes in death, she opened them in Jesus' arms. Thats a wonderful thing to remember. Due to distance we never saw much of her but it was always pleasant and fun when we did get together. We send love and prayers that God will comfort you and all the family as you say goodbye to a sweet lady, mother and friend. We feel blessed to have known her. Love from all of us, Jan Peggy and Frank

peggy efird-wilmington,nc - October 14, 2014 at 07:18 PM

MH

“ Charlotte and Chris, my prayers ang thoughts are with you on your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful lady. My prayers for comfort, strength, and peace that only our Lord can provide. I just find out and cannot put into words how wonderful for Mom was to me and so many other people. I know this is a difficult timr for you both. In my prayers.

M. Hyvl - October 13, 2014 at 10:51 PM

TF

“ Chris and Charlotte, I am so sorry for your loss. It has been a pleasure to have Eryn as my friend over the years. She was always so sweet to me and a thoughtful friend. I, too, will miss her. It has been sad to see her decline the past few years. As with my mom, it made it easier to lose her than if she had been strong and vibrant. All along, my mom's decline was God taking her slowly from us so it would not be as traumatic to lose her. I think about that often and it comforts me. Even realizing that at the time, it was still difficult to lose her and I did not particularly like it, but I understood it was for my benefit. Eryn was such a fascinating lady that had lived a long full life. You both have a lot of memories to treasure. As with your dad, the pain will never go away, but it will fade in time and you will eventually be really grateful they are in a much better place and we have the promise of being reunited with them with our Heavenly Father. Much love to both of you.

Trudy Fuchs - October 13, 2014 at 04:32 PM