



Ehrentraut Eisele

October 4, 2016

Ehrentraut Eisele, beloved wife of the late Hans Ulrich Eisele for 55 years died in the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on October 4, 2016. She was born on August 24, 1925 to the late Martin Stockmann and Ida Schneider Stockmann in Marienwerder, West Prussia. To old friends she was Traudel, to new friends she was Trudy and to family she was simply Oma. She, along with her family, emigrated from Germany to Windsor, Connecticut in 1955 and settled in Hartford until they moved to East Haddam in 1973. Although she lacked a formal American education, her wisdom, insights and courage were evident to all who knew her. When asked where her strength and joy came from, she would always answer with her life's scripture verse, "The joy of the Lord is my strength." Neh. 8:10. She unapologetically acknowledged her total dependence on God and saw every aspect of her life and death as "heavenly arranged."

She strived to serve her family, church and wider community with joy, generosity and faithfulness. In her early years she and her husband, Hans, reached out to many other German immigrants and began a Bible Study and Prayer Group that has lasted for over fifty years and still continues today. In her later years as a widow when she was more homebound, she took great pleasure in creating scripture bookmarks either from garden flowers she collected and dried or from intricate watercolor flowers she painted. She also stitched hundreds of "Cross in the Pockets" in needlepoint to encourage others. She couldn't wait to give these treasures away to anyone she would meet on the street, in doctor's offices, grocery stores or in church.

She is survived by a brother, Siegfried Stockmann of, Bradenton, Florida; a son, Helmut Eisele and his wife, Sandy of Pomfret; a daughter, Helga Phillips and her husband, Al of Hartford; and a son, Juergen Eisele and his wife, Dale of West Haven. She also leaves eight treasured grandchildren: David Eisele and his wife Melanie, Seth Eisele, Sarah Phillips Anderson and her husband Erik, Christina Phillips, Mark Phillips and his wife Tara, John Phillips and his wife Bojana, Rachel Eisele and Paul Eisele and ten great grandchildren.

A special thanks to Anona, Barbara, Elizabeth, Tanya and Teresa and all the caregivers from Hartford Healthcare Hospice Team who showed such gentleness, compassion and kindness as they provided comfort to her and her family during the final weeks of her

earthly life.

Funeral services will be held at the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT. at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2016. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to First Church of Christ, Wethersfield. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Comments



“ I knew Traudel from the many years I attended Valley Bible Church, but just learned of her passing. What a treasure and blessing she was to everyone she encountered. I have a few of her lovely bookmarks and recently came across a note she wrote to my son, Will, a number of years ago. Will has Down Syndrome and was probably about 12 at the time. Traudel wrote him a special note and mailed it to him, saying she was praying for him and hoped to see him soon. It was so like her to reach out to others. She made it a special point to greet my son each Sunday at church, as well as the rest of my family. She was a dear, dear lady and most definitely exemplified 'the joy of the Lord.' She will be missed by a great many...truly a lovely lady.

Rebecca Connell - Middletown, CT - November 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ She was a very special lady. Always on the right hand of the Lord. A real inspiration to me in all she did and said. I have one of her bookmarks of pressed flowers, painted flowers, and a "cross in my pocket". They will always be treasures to me. Friends in sewing group.

Sandy Montgomery - Bradenton, FL - Friend - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Traudel was my mom's cousin (Heidi Armstrong). I remember Traudel sending me a folded up Christmas ornament which she had made and treasure it to this day. I also treasure and appreciated the prayers for our family. May the Lord's peace comfort you and surround you during this time.

Bruni and Jonathan King - Dryden, Ontario, Canada - Family - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. She had to have been such a great and spiritual woman to raise a wonderful family. Condolences to the family. God Bless! Scott Fletcher

Scott Fletcher - Harwinton, CT - Friend - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Traudel and my mother shared the same life verse: Nehemiah 8:10. Both lived through World War atrocities (mother, WWI; Traudel WWII) in Europe. Both exemplified "the joy of the Lord" in all aspects of their lives. We'll treasure the bookmarks we received from Traudel...

Peter and Salme Kushkowski - Portland, CT - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of President/Chief Administrator David Eustis and the entire Northwest Catholic High School community, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Ehrentraut Eisele. As mother of Helga Phillips NWC Faculty member and grandmother of John Phillips '06, Ehrentraut will be remembered in our community's prayers. We are very sorry for your loss. Maureen Scudder, Director of Communications

Maureen Scudder - West Hartford, CT - Coworker - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM