



Delphine Kipp

September 12, 1915 - April 26, 2016

Delphine Emma Kipp passed away Tuesday, April 26, at Samaritan Hospice in Mount Holly, at age 100, a milestone she never expected to reach since her mother, Elisabeth (Randerman), who migrated from Bremerhaven, Germany at age 17 with a cousin and uncle, died a young 36 when Delphine was just nine. Delphine was predeceased by her husband Tillman and oldest son Earl. Her death was caused by aggressive pancreatic cancer diagnosed a week prior to her death.

Delphine and her older brother Felix Olsommer (deceased) were born in Promised Land, Greentown, Pa, to Edward and Elisabeth Olsommer. Her birthdate: September 12, 1915. Her father owned a farm of several hundred acres and the children were expected to help. Tasks included picking stones from a field to put on a horse driven "sled" and unloading them for stone walls at the fields' edge. She milked cows, fed the chickens, walked the horses to the lake for water, and remembered at age 11 making a pancake breakfast for "rich Philadelphians" vacationing during summer months or hunting season in their eight bedroom house. The barn on the property still stands, restored by a recent owner.

Survivors include her daughters Doris Alaimo (Richard), of Mount Holly and Louise Walden of Cheyenne, Wyo.; sons Bob (Judy) of Mount Holly and Jack (friend Shirley) of Burlington as well as granddaughters Becky Kipp, Donna

Tate, Lisa Bowen and Jackie Barber and grandsons Brian, Leigh (Jen) and Miles (Sue) Powell and Jesse Kipp plus great grandchildren (Brian, Casey, Paige, Avery, Henry, Madison, Miles, Teagan, Makayla, McKenzie, Ronnie, Zachary, Kyle, Jessica and David); great great grandchildren Zayden, Talon, Brennen, Alexis, Gavin, Chloe and Mila; nieces Helen (John) Leahey of Ormond Beach, Fla.; Esther (Jerry) Clarke of Michigan, Judy (John) O'Donnel of Shippensburg, Pa.; nephews Donald (Janet) Olsommer of Moscow, Pa and George (Ethel) McKerrow , Leon (Sally) McKerrow of Freedom, NY; cousin Dr. Klaus Ventzke (Dr. Kea) of Bremen, Germany.

A woman of strong opinion and faith, she never missed Sunday church services until recent years and enjoyed getting together with her "Forever Young" friends. A homemaker who completely enjoyed time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, she never lost interest in their activities. She was the conduit for family updates and when asked at her 100th birthday party what she considered the greatest invention in her lifetime, she said the cellphone. Her favorite president was Ronald Reagan.

A telling glimpse of her personality: the first time she voted she was driven to the polls by an uncle who told her who to vote for "but when I got in the booth I voted for the person I wanted."

Blind for the last nine months of her life, and still in her home, she listened to television news to keep up to date with world and local happenings and continued her daily Bible reading by having her special caregiver Catherine Adjon read requested chapters. An order to her longtime doctor, Dr. Charles Kastenber, whom she loved to go see: "You can't retire until I die."

When she was 60, she took an adult school class to learn to crochet. She enjoyed gardening, watching birds and was thrilled if she saw hummingbirds. Canning and making jam, a necessity when she was growing up, was a

special talent. Her jarred peaches and tomatoes were so perfectly arranged they resembled works of art and were valued as gifts by family. She loved “going berrying” to pick strawberries and blueberries into her early 90’s, and those occasions were the only time she wore pants instead of a skirt or dress.

Visitation will be 2-4 Sunday afternoon, May 1, at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., in Mount Holly followed by a service there at 4PM. Burial will be private on Monday May 2.

Contributions may be made to Covenant Church, 528 Main St., Lumberton, NJ 08048 or the Salvation Army. (Always worried about families who didn’t have enough healthy food, it would make her especially happy if you personally helped a needy family. Buy a bag of groceries and say, “This is from Delphine.”)

Cemetery Details

Mount Holly Cemetery

Mount Holly Ave.
Mount Holly, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
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<http://www.perinchief.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delphine Kipp*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Delphine Kipp*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear Kipp family:*

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - May 03, 2016 at 09:51 AM



Dear Kipp Family. So sorry for your loss. I loved talking with your mother when she attended Broad Street Baptist church. She was an amazing woman. Mom & her are together in heaven. Sue Adams

susan adams - May 15, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ *My lovely great grandmother, you will greatly be missed by so many people. I will always share the memories of you to your great great grandchildren. I love you and miss you already!*

Jessica Helm - April 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM

JR

“ It was a joy for me to be her pastor. I was always encouraged in my talks and visits with her, especially in recent months. Even though she was often in pain and had many physical afflictions, she always rejoiced in the Lord and shared that with me. I went away blessed. She loved to talk and smile! She is a great testimony to the grace of God in Christ. We will miss her greatly. But we give thanks that she is now dwelling in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23. Also, and I write on behalf of my mother-in-law Marie Snyder, who is now 94, she was a great friend to Marie and they shared a bond of love and friendship for many years. May the family be thankful and always inspired by her life and love. Our sincere sympathy to you all. Pastor John Reuther

John Reuther - April 28, 2016 at 07:02 AM

WF

“ I read the obituary about the loss of your loved one and I extend my sincere condolences. At this time you are feeling an unbearable pain, and experiencing a great loss. Psalms 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress.” He will help you get through this difficult time. (Isaiah 41:10) I hope this brief Bible message has brought you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Williams Family - April 27, 2016 at 06:08 PM

FK

I will always remember my Aunt Del's loving and forgiving nature.
Frosty Kipp

Frosty Kipp - April 28, 2016 at 03:21 PM

DK

I always remember how she treated all us kids RIP Aunt Dell.

Diane Kipp Kelly - April 28, 2016 at 04:11 PM

MJ

When I was a new Christian in the '80's, I attended Broad Street Baptist Church and met Delphine. She was a lovely woman and she was kind to me, and yes, I recall she only wore skirts! Once she was sick or had surgery, and I took her some food, and she gently chided me, saying I had my own family to take care of. Folks in the church told me how she never missed a Sunday service. I enjoyed reading about her life in the obituary. Glad to hear she lived so long. She was a good and faithful servant of Jesus.

Marcia Jurcsisn , now living in Dayton, Ohio

Marcia Jurcsisn - May 07, 2016 at 04:31 PM