

Resident Spotlight

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MINNIE LUND

THE JANUARY SPOTLIGHT IS ON MINNIE LUND. MRS. LUND LIVES AT THE END OF THE 200 WING, OR WHAT USED TO BE THE END OF THE WING. IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT MINNIE WILL BE 88 YEARS OLD SOON, EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS FEW WRINKLES. I ASKED IF SHE HAD USED BEAUTY CREAM, BUT SHE LAUGHED AND SAID THERE WAS NEVER TIME FOR THAT!

MINNIE LUND WAS BORN HERMINNA KRAMP IN MURRAY COUNTY NEAR FULDA, MINN., DURING A RAGING SNOW STORM. A YEAR LATER, THE FAMILY MOVED NORTH BY COVERED WAGON TO PEQUOT LAKES WHERE THE FAMILY LIVED IN A LOG HOUSE UNTIL 1910. HER FATHER WAS A FARMER AND ALSO A STONE MASON. THERE WERE 11 CHILDREN IN ALL AND MINNIE WAS THE SEVENTH CHILD. SHE HAD 7 BROTHERS AND 3 SISTERS. HER FATHER, WILLIAM HENRY KRAMP, HAD COME FROM GERMANY TO THE UNITED STATES AND WORKED AS A BRICKLAYER IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK, BEFORE COMING TO IOWA AND LATER TO MURRAY COUNTY IN MINNESOTA WHERE MINNIE WAS BORN. MINNIE'S MOTHER MARIA ALSO CAME HERE FROM GERMANY.

MINNIE WAS MARRIED IN 1917 TO ANTON LUND WHO LIVED IN THE AREA, NEAR VINING, MINN. ANTON WAS A WOODSMAN, INTERESTED IN SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE LUMBER BUSINESS; AND HE AND HIS FAMILY ALSO RAN THEIR FARM UNTIL 1946. AT THAT TIME, ANTON BEGUN WORKING FOR DURKEE, AND CONTINUED TO DO SO UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.

THE LUND'S HAD NINE CHILDREN, SEVERAL OF WHOM HELPED MINNIE WITH HER BUSINESS. MINNIE HAD A BAKERY ROUTE -- DOING THE BAKING AT HOME, AND SENDING HER SONS ON THE DELIVERY ROUTE. THEY ALSO SOLD TO TOURISTS WHO WERE VACATIONING IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION, MINNIE AND A FRIEND DID CATERING. MINNIE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THEIR CHURCH, FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PINE RIVER.

TWO OF MRS. LUND'S SONS, KAY AND DAVID, WERE KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT IN THE LATE 1940'S. THIS WAS, IN MINNIE'S, "A VERY ROUGH PERIOD THAT ONE HAS TO

COME THROUGH." SHE HAS SEVEN OTHER CHILDREN, FARLEY LUND OF MINNEAPOLIS, MAVIS RENNER OF COTTAGE GROVE, MINN., MARIE GISH OF MICHIGAN, BETH ENGELBARTS OF ELMORE, MINN., LOIS PINSCH OF BREMERTON, WASH., PHILLIP LUND OF OREGON AND VI CHUMLEY OF CANNON FALLS. ALTHOUGH THE CHILDREN ARE SCATTERED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THEY KEEP IN TOUCH AND ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR MOTHER'S LIFE.

MINNIE IS OFTEN IN HER ROOM VISITING WITH HER ROOMMATE MARTHA, READING, OR WRITING LETTERS. SHE ENJOYS PLAYING CARDS AND USUALLY COMES TO BIBLE STUDY AND LOBBY PROGRAMS AND TO MANY OF OUR LUNCH OUTINGS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WISHING HER A HAPPY 88TH BIRTHDAY COME MARCH 31st!

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