



Herta Talvet

November 5, 1918 - January 17, 2020

Herta Talvet (nee Tilk) Died on Jan. 17th 2020 at the age of 101.

Herta was born in Estonia in the same year that the nation became an independent republic (1918).

She and most of her immediate family fled due to the re-invasion and illegal annexation of Estonia by Soviet Russia in 1944. She and her immediate family sought shelter from the last of WWII bombings by seeking quieter parts of Europe and eventually fled the Communist onslaught to the US Zone of Germany, where they then lived as refugees until 1949. Herta, with her husband Olaf and son Urmas, immigrated from West Germany to the US where they became US Citizens.

Though, WWII presented numerous close calls with great danger, 101 years ago, at birth, Herta was given up as still-born and laid out for burial in a shed attached to the house. Her father, passing again through the shed, noticed a slight quiver of her lip and rushed her back into the house where she was subsequently revived.

She was a long-time resident of Pennsauken Senior Towers in Pennsauken NJ and had previously lived in Moorestown, Mt. Holly, and Shreveport, LA. Herta was an active member of the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and was always active with other Estonian organizations and events. In Shreveport, she & her husband Olaf sang in several Operas as active chorus members of the Shreveport Civic Opera Company. They were also active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church there.

Herta graduated from high school in Valga, Estonia and attended a short period of Law school in W. Germany.

Upon graduating from High School, Herta became a stenographer for the Parliament of the government of Estonia where she took careful dictation of the speeches and proceedings of the leaders of the country. At the same post, she had the unusual circumstance of being able to continue in her stenography position during the reign of two subsequent invading foreign puppet governments that were set-up in her country during WWII.

She retired from the Memorial Hospital of Mt. Holly where she worked as a medical transcriptionist.

Wife of the late Olaf Talvet, and mother of Urmas Talvet. Mother-in-law of Leslie Talvet. Sister of Erika (Tilk)Niilus of Australia. Grandmother of Jaan Talvet and Liia Talvet. Great grandmother of Katariina Talvet. Also survived by her niece Kersti Niilus and nephews Veli Niilus and Major Mait Niilus (Aust. Marines, Ret.) in Australia plus extended family in Estonia.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday January 23d, 2020, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Estonian Synod, at 607 E. 7th St., Lakewood NJ.

Graveside service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday January 24th at the Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

-Evangelical Lutheran Church, Estonian Synod, at 607 E. 7th St., Lakewood NJ, 08701

-Estonian Relief Committee, Inc., 243 E. 34th Street NY, NY 10016-4852

-Estonian American National Council, Inc. 16 Pepperridge Rd., Monroe, CT 06468

Cemetery Details

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, NY

Previous Events

Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evangelical Lutheran Church
607 East 7th St
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Graveside Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Herta Talvet*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Herta Talvet*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

AB

“ I never knew Herta as any other name besides Vanema, meaning Grandma, and that's all she ever asked her grandson (my friend) and myself to call her. Vanema was a kind, contemplative and loving woman whom whenever she spoke, a flash of light could be seen in her eyes coming from the Living Lord. On Christmas or other family dinners that I had the fortune to be a part of, she was always interested in what was going on in my life and spoke to me with a respect for another human being that did not change, even when I was not living as well as I was called to be.

Vanema was contemplative and sharp as a tack through her winter. Indeed, no person can do better than she did in life, as the love she received from Jesus, she freely gave to everyone she knew or met. Of the many older friends and family that have passed-on in the last few years, I am most confident that Vanema is again a young woman without infirmity, in the all loving, all compassing presence of The Triune God and his holy angels. I believe she has now been reunited with long-lost loved ones, and is for ever free from worry, temptation, and persecution, and is part of His eternal plan, and is experiencing a fulfillment of joy in His presence that will never diminish! She ran the good race, and for ever, no one will be able to snatch her out of the Father's hand. May we all walk in the same direction that Vanema has that loved ones may rest assured they will be reunited.

Andrew Becker & The Becker Family

Andrew Becker - February 01, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ I never knew Herta as any other name but Vanema, meaning Grandma, and she never asked me to call her any other name. She was a kind and gentle lady whose loving eyes flashed with the life of the Light of the World that lived within her. She was contemplative and well spoken through her wintertime. She accomplished the highest calling any living person can by loving with simplicity the people around her as she is loved by Jesus.

Vanema was always kind to me and interested in what was happening in my life at Christmas and other holiday dinners with her son, daughter in law, grand daughter, grandson, and other family guests. When I was less in my life then what I am called to be, her view of and the way she spoke to me did not change; she continued to speak to me with the same loving respect. Of some old friends and family that have passed away in the last few years, I am most confident that right now, Vanema is a young woman again with a sense of joy, peace, and love, and without any worries or temptations. I believe she is more alive now, and is experiencing fellowship with long-lost loved ones in the presence of the Triune God and his angels. Vanema has ran the good race, and is experiencing things beyond what anyone has ever dreamt, for ever with Him, with no one ever able to take her out of His hand.

Andrew Becker & The Becker Family

Andrew Becker - February 01, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Urmas and Leslie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Your mom was an amazing woman, always enjoyed her stories and pictures. Prayers and Hugs, Dr Bechtel's staff.*

Lisa - January 23, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Herta Talvet.



January 22, 2020 at 07:55 AM