



India Newsletter

By Dolores Stykel—October 2008 Addendum



Nov 6 I just received a note from Paul Howe – He had received the bulletin from Anita Trautmann telling of Lorene Koepke's death October 20, 2008. The following are excerpts from her obituary:

Lorene Mildred Kassel was born June 7, 1924. Following high school, Lorene moved to St. Louis to work, There she met Robert, a seminarian at Concordia. They were married on November 3, 1945. While preparing for a call to missions in India, they spent nine months in mission training at the seminary. In December 1946 they left for India and served as LCMS missionaries to South India until April 1973. Lorene worked among the women, organizing bible societies and visiting homes in villages near the churches. In 1973, Ted became ill with cancer and they returned to the States; he died in May of that year.

Lorene's love for serving others did not end with her return from India. She was active as a volunteer at Webster Gardens and other Lutheran and community agencies. She helped minister to her church family by being involved in small groups, calling on new members, preparing meals for the ill, etc.

Lorene's world vision never diminished; she was active in her support for Lutheran World Relief, prolifically making quilts and school bags. She participated in 3 mission trips to Nebraska to share God's word with the Omaha tribe. Working with individuals from other countries, she helped acclimate them to the U.S. by teaching ESL or tutoring them one on one for the citizenship test. Their success was her satisfaction. Lorene was recognized by Lutheran Senior Services with the Senior Service in Christ Award in 2007.

Family sustained Lorene. She and Ted had three children, and their families brought much joy into her life: Ronald & Marilyn Koepke, Katherine (& David Hamming), Laura and Paul; Barbara & John Zeile, John and Susan; Bev & Jim Kamphoefner and Seth.

Memorials may be made to
LCMS World Missions
1333 South Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis MO 63122

The Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens
8749 Watson Rd
St. Louis MO 63119-5111

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