



## Elna Allen

July 18, 2010

Elna M. Allen (1924-2010)

CEDAR FALLS- Elna M. Allen, 86, of Cedar Falls died Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 11, 1924 in Waterloo, the daughter of Nels and Sophia (Jorgensen) Christensen. She married William "Bill" Allen on June 14, 1945 in Waterloo and they later divorced.

She was a graduate of Waterloo West High School and employed with Cinema Theater in the College Square Mall for thirty-three years.

Survivors include five children: Mark (Norma) Allen of Cedar Falls, Craig (Karen) Allen of Sandwich, IL, Mary Turner of Waterloo, Annette (Kirk) Kelly of Cedar Falls, and Nancy (Alan) Hemesath of Cedar Falls; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Bell of Cedar Falls.

Preceded in death by two brothers, Carl and Paul Christensen; three sisters, Karen Gord, Helen Farmer, and Betty Smith; grandson, Devon Turner; and a great-grandson, Tristin Allen.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ansgar Lutheran Church with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, both in Waterloo. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and for one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elna was a familiar and comforting fixture of my childhood. My brother and I went to the matinee almost every Saturday, and she was there. She could have been mean or crabby to us, just kids, but she was always sweet. She always asked how we were, and always had a smile for us. She was loved by many!* ”

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March 29, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ *We are sorry to read about your loss. She was a very lovely lady, and we knew her from the Cinemas. Elna served up the best buttered popcorn of any area theatre, hands down! And it hasn't been the same since she retired. May you find much comfort in fond memories of Mom.* ”

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July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Elna lived a few doors down from me when I was growing up on Madison Street. She was a friend of my Mothers; as a young child I began to call her "Auntie Elna" because I came to see her like a kindly Aunt and would see her so often. She was always nice to me, and would bring home theater popcorn for me at times. As I grew up I would see Elna both in our neighborhood and at the theater and she always would smile and visit with me for a few minutes. My condolences.* ”

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July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Always loved to stop and see Elna when I went to College Square (whether I was going to a movie or not). She would always ask how my Mom was and had a kind word for everyone. I will miss Elna's smile. My sympathies to the whole Allen family.

Cindy Schell Nissen

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July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I loved seeing Elna every time we went to College Square to the movies. It didn't matter how busy they were, she always had time to say hi and had a smile on her face. We are so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by many. Staci

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Such a wonderful woman, one of the kindest, most encouraging and most loving people I've ever met. I'm so sorry for your loss. Lori

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Allen Family, We're so sorry to hear of the loss of Elna. Her smile will always be remembered by many. She always had kind words for everyone. We had the chance to work with her for a while in the theater business and what a great lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Allen Family. I was so sorry to read that Elna passed away. I enjoyed her friendship throughout my college years working with her at the Cinemas and renting a room from her in my senior year at UNI. She was a wonderful lady. You have my deepest sympathy.  
Barb Strubel Kayser, Waterloo, IA

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July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Elna....was the sweetest lady...great smile...and always a kind word... we just saw it in the paper late tue night and will be out of town wed... But our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.... Bonnie and Dick Cobler are also out of town and send kind thoughts your way....she will be missed but her smile will never be forgotten..... the Doedens

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