Reflections on the Life of Mabel Gustafson

(compiled from family & friend's sympathy cards at her funeral)
January 12, 2007

- Such a gracious mom! We've been pleased to have met her and see her spirit & strength
- The Lord has opened His gates for a good and faithful servant
- Your mom was a pillar of strength and a blessing to our entire family
- Enjoyed this lovely lady
- Your mom was a very important "grandma" lady to me
- A Godly women who was always ready to serve where she was needed especially at Patmos; a true servant of the Lord's
- What a witness she was to so many people
- Your mom knew the Lord in many ways and offered that faithfulness & strength to all of us
- What wonderful memories we all have of your mom; she was always at church volunteering and serving; she was a great mentor
- Mabel was always such a wonderful servant of the Lord at Trinity and a part of my Earliest memories as a witness to Jesus' saving power
- As a refugee 16 years ago, Mabel taught me how to use American kitchens; I learned English from her; I love her very much and very admired her, the way she served the Lord; no racist, love people, willing to help anytime when I called
- I have so many wonderful memories of you mom cooking at Camp Patmos with her and also for many banquets at Trinity; she has always been very special to me and to many at church.
- Mabel was a true child of God; she set such a wonderful example to anyone around her
- Wow, what a neat, wonderful person just loved working with her; so, so humble; top role model
- Mabel was a wonderful friend to many and a woman of great faith; they leave a great legacy to their family

- We admired your mother very much
- I thank God for the many memories I have of Mabel including when she was my teacher at Buffalo Center, IA before she was married
- What a wonderful faith-living woman Mabel was to be with; we enjoyed her cooking, Bible teaching and handbell ringing.
- Your mom was always a great example of servanthood and grace
- She endeared herself to everyone who knew her
- All those who knew Mabel will remember her fondly for her gentle nature and her active participation in the cooperative; she was a very dear person
- I've had the privilege of walking, working, studying along side her she was faithful
- We will all miss her presence greatly, but feel blessed to have known her and grown from her wisdom
- Your mother was a servant to so many for so long
- Mabel was a great blessing to the Trinity family for many years
- We thank God for Mabel's faithful service at Trinity & Patmos for so many years; She was a wonderful lady
- What blessing it is to have known your mom; she was a very special lady
- I have so many fond memories of Mabel, especially at Camp Patmos as head cook; She was a wonderful women and I will miss her
- Your mother was a "mother" to many; blessed be her memory
- Mabel was a kind, loving, cheerful person, dedicated to her family, the families she sponsored and many more things.
- What a great person Mabel was! She blessed us all.
- I always admired your mother and it is still a blessing to think of her
- Mabel was a special lady
- What a dear lady she was and a friend to everyone she met

- We rejoice with you for the life she led
- What a blessing & life enriching experience to have known Mabel! She always seemed to be the same through the years even into her late 90's enthusiastic, interested, eager, stimulating and thoughtful! She was definitely special!
- What a beautiful woman Mabel was inside and out; she impacted many lives at Trinity
- We were blessed to know your mom; she served in so many helpful ways at Trinity; she held much wisdom and knowledge; it was a joy to know her

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

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