

The Lovas',
Doyle's and
Hoeschler's all
celebrate

Hildur's 90th Birthday!

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Family Facts

- Three children, Linda, Laura, and Stephen
- Six grandchildren, Kristen, Fritz, Stephen, the imposter Doyle, Katie, Zack and Tyler
- Hildur was born in Iowa
- She has lived in Iowa, Missouri, New York, Colorado, and Minnesota.



The Great "Hildur" approaches 90

"I don't come from a family of long livers", she insisted on her 70th birthday. And now she's approaching 90 and beginning to wonder if she's going to outlive all of her family. Her Doctor claims she was blessed by some very unusual recessive genes that have led to good health and a long life- ---who would have guessed? When she sees the Doctor annually, she asks, "What will be the source of my certain demise." Dr. Gehrig looks puzzled and replies, "Other than the fact that you don't move very fast, you are in as near perfect shape as anyone I've ever seen. You have the best blood work results of all of my patients."

When asked about her long life, Hildur responded "Living this long, while generally desirable, also brings extra burdens. You have more years to worry about your children. I'm still working hard to bring the three of them in line - which can be exhausting, especially at my age. Stephen is too far away for me to exert much control. He says he has something called the "thousand mile rule." Linda has never been directionable. And tries every bit as hard as I do to control just about everything. And Laura, while appearing to be compliant, can fool you into thinking she will comply while pretty much ignoring my direction - doesn't argue- just does what she wants- . "A little passive aggressive maybe."

"We were never really under Hildur's control while we lived with her- so it's hard to understand why she's still working on us, responded Laura when asked to comment. Stephen claims this is why he recommends the 1000 mile rule- He contends.... "That way-when you come for a visit --you are adored and generally less subject to "correction" or behavioral advice."

Despite any frustration she may have with her children, she has taken her executive talents to Lakeview where she puts them to good use.



Hildur as a lovely young girl in Iowa.

Falling down and getting back up.....yet again!

In 2002, Hildur had to admit she needed some more care. She had fallen again- re cracked her pelvis for the second or third time. Laura was un able to lift her from the chair, AND Jack Hoeschler, her steady son in law declared: "it's time." After interviews, Hildur claimed her new apartment in Lakeview, supported living for Seniors. Within two months, Hildur was again mobile and moving downs the halls as fast as ever, and making a new start. Hildur asserts: " while I have generally lived a solitary life- and appreciate time alone for personal reflection, I have enjoyed the mental and physical stimulation provided in exercise class, poetry class, current events, volunteer work, literature class, coffee and conversation- pontoon rides- and especially the time spent with new friends at meal time."

The great “SUPERVISOR”

Hildur’s supervision activities were generally directed from the recliner in the Doyle’s Family Room. The upside of this was she could easily see into the kitchen and pantry. It became quite frustrating when Laura and John were working in one of the back rooms. Hildur would call, and no one would hear- or at least no one would answer. Laura decided to bring her laptop out to the family room in order to spend more time with her Mother which generated some interesting conversations.

“What are you doing“? Asked Hildur.

“Writing“, was Laura’s reply.

“Writing what?”

“Stuff”

“What stuff?”

“Why do you need to know?”

“I don’t like not knowing what is going on- besides- now you are not communicating with me?”

“So- when did I ever really communicate with you?” replied Laura.



HILDUR finally moves to Minnesota!

In 1999, Hildur had a hard time rationalizing why she moved to Minnesota. When interviewed, she said, “I can’t believe I live in a state where they take care of you from birth to death. I can see I have my work cut out for me.



Later she commented, “ Well- I guess I came because I did need a little help- ---I couldn’t continue to do everything myself.

My daughter Laura needed some more furniture anyway- so it was a good match. Besides, John and Laura were lonely since they work different shifts- so I was there to help keep them company.”

“I THINK MINNESOTA IS A FINE PLACE, IT’S NOT IOWA, BUT THEN AGAIN THERE’S ONLY ONE IOWA!”

Helen Marie

We’re not certain how many of you may be aware , but Hildur has a kid sister named Helen Marie. Helen has shown great wisdom by moving to New York in the early 1950’s and staying put. Interviewing Helen, we asked her why she stayed in NY for so long. “Well, I kind of got used to the place and unlike Hildur, didn’t have to run from the law.” Run from the law? “Well, not really says Helen.” But Hildur always had a sense of adventure. “She even finds interest in watching the corn tassels blow in the breeze! She thinks Kansas is beautiful!”

Hildur and Helen talk on the phone each day. Two of Helen’s children live in Minnesota now. When asked if she would follow suit and move to the land of lakes she says....”Minnesota isn’t big enough for two of us Wederquist girls!



Hildur with her sister Helen

We're in the Army Now!

A little known fact is that Hildur was singularly responsible for the fall of the Third Reich and the Empire of Japan! Yup that's true, just ask her. As a nurse during WWII, Hildur honed her supervisory abilities to a keen edge. She learned what it takes to "take charge", "rule with an iron fist", and "be in charge"!

When Ike asked her for advice, she was more than happy to offer it. She told Ike that he had to hit the beaches of Normandy. "Rommel will never expect it there" she told him.

And then for a little excitement she told Truman to "drop the damm bomb and get it over with".

She continued her mastery of skills while raising three wonderful children. They didn't think so at the time though. They sat on chairs, were told "don't you move", and were "motivated" beyond belief.

Stephen, the youngest says that Hildur's abilities have been passed on from her generation to the next. Just ask his son's Zachary (17), and Tyler (16). These boys are made to work around the house (but NOT pull weeds), have to get rides to and from places, and generally take some responsibility for their actions. And then they are also told, "Don't disgrace the family"! Now where do you think that came from?????



Hildur right before advising Ike and Truman

Solve this!

What was Hildur's favorite dish at Howard Johnsons?

What day was cleaning day at the Lovas household?

What "treasure" was shipped to Alaska for young Stephen?

"you didn't mean to do it? Ha! You didn't mean not to!

A Hildurism

Answers in our next issue!

Ok, the end of another issue

At 85 we were all unsure if there would be a second edition of this newsletter when Hildur hit 90. We can't say that there won't be a third addition though. The editors are convinced that there will be at least two more additions, one at 95 and then the gala centennial edition when Hilder reaches 100.

You don't believe us? Just wait!

We all love ya Hildur, and look forward to compiling interesting tidbits for edition 3 and 4.

Happy Birthday!



Hildur during her "courting" days!