

April 11, 2008

Hi,

Today we received sad news from a member, Amber VanSantford #0858 about another member - her aunt, #0649, Mabel Lindstrom Thaanum.

I'm scanning in Amber's note as well as the enclosure she sent. Please tell me to whom I should send the original of the colorful program.

- Gil

My aunt, Mabel Elsie (Lindstrom) Thaanum passed away on New Years Day. She was a former member of AAFA and recruited me to join. She was the great-granddaughter of Melzer Alvord, granddaughter of Henry Alvord and daughter of Jessie (Alvord) Lindstrom.

During WWII, she served in the Navy as an Aviation Machinist's Mate. Her ashes will be buried near the large Alvord Memorial in the Otho, Iowa cemetery on Flag Day, June 14, 2008.

Amber VanSantford  
Member #0858



Lindy as a WAVE stationed at North Island, San Diego, during WW II.



Lindy and her sister Carol are at center front of this photo, taken at a family reunion in Iowa.



Lindy at home in Cardiff, recalling family history; August, 2006.

*Lindy Thaanum*

*February 26, 1917 - January 1, 2008*

A Celebration of A Life Well Lived

January 19, 2008



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*Lindy Thaanum*  
*February 26, 1917-January 1, 2008*  
*A Brief History of Her Life*

Born Mabel Elsie Lindstrom on February 26, 1917 in Iowa, she was the youngest of 4 children. While serving as a WAVE in WW II, Lindy came to San Diego, where she met Faber Thaanum. They were married during the war and eventually moved to Cardiff where they raised their three sons, Mel, Eric and Joe.

Affectionately known as "Lindy" or "Babe," Lindy was a wife, mother, homemaker, entrepreneur and volunteer. She dedicated her life to serving the Lord by serving her family, her community and her country.

She encouraged others in their endeavors, and never indulged in laziness or self pity. She valued the truth and communication, studied the Bible daily, baked her own bread, and for many years enjoyed cultivating fruit, vegetables and flowers in her garden.

Once, near the end of her life, she was asked what she would choose if she could be anything in the world. Without hesitating, she responded, "a philanthropist!"

And, looking back, no one would deny that she got her wish. Those who have known and been loved by her have received the blessing of knowing a great and humble woman.

She passed from this life and into the presence of her Lord and Savior on January 1, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband Faber, her brothers Cedric and Julien, and nephew Eugene. She is survived by her three sons, Mel, Eric and Joe; two grandchildren, Dane and Katrina; great-granddaughters Savannah and Lillian, sister Carol, nieces Amber, Annette, Donna and Holly, and nephews Alan, Jay and Keith.

*A Life Well Lived*

*Celebration of a Life Well Lived*

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- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Guests seated in Sanctuary
- 11:08 . . . . . Brief remarks and invocation, Pastor David Sasse
- 11:20 . . . . . Memory cards collected from guests who do not wish to speak
- 11:20 . . . . . Recollections and comments by members of family  
followed by others who wish to share a favorite memory
- 11:45 . . . . . Message, prayer and dismissal, Pastor David
- Noon-4:00 p.m. . . . . Guests reconvene in Community Room  
for buffet luncheon and fellowship