

J.D. Lee & Sons Funeral Home

Ingrid J. Trobisch Youngdale

(February 17, 1926 - October 23, 2007)

Ingrid Johanna Hult Trobisch Youngdale

Ingrid Youngdale was called to her Heavenly Father's home on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 after a brief struggle with Pancreatic cancer. At the age of 81 she finished her earthly sojourn to her Heavenly home fulfilling the title of her final book, "On My Way Home."



Born February 17, 1926, in Moshi, Tanganyika, to missionary parents, Ralph and Gertrude Hult, Ingrid developed early in life a heart for world missions. When she was four years old, her parents moved to Springfield and bought a 40-acre fruit farm just outside the city. Many of her formative childhood years were spent there.

In the fall of 1939 Ingrid entered Luther Academy in Wahoo, Nebraska and went on to graduate from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, in 1947. In 1949 she was commissioned to go to Cameroon, West Africa, as a single missionary. In 1952 Ingrid traveled to Germany to marry Pastor Walter Trobisch, a native of Leipzig. Together they returned to the pioneer mission field in Cameroun where their five children were born. By then, Ingrid was fluent in English, French and German.

In 1964 her first book "On Our Way Rejoicing" was born, as Ingrid liked to say. Soon thereafter the family moved to Austria for better schooling for the children. "Family Life Mission" came into being as Ingrid and Walter's non-profit organization for worldwide Christian outreach to families. She tirelessly typed manuscripts, traveled and taught alongside her husband.

A year after Walter's sudden death in 1979, after well over 30 years in Africa and Europe, Ingrid moved back to the heart of her world, -the Ozarks. She recorded this homecoming experience in one of her most moving books, "Keeper of the Springs". Ingrid received awards for her outstanding achievements from the Ministry of Culture in Salzburg, Austria, and from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. She became an advocate and mentor for

countless women and men all over the world. Her spoken and written words deeply touched many lives.

In 1999, at age 73, Ingrid married the Rev. Lauren Youngdale from Fergus Falls, MN. This late love brought much joy and fulfillment to her life. Together the newly-weds made their home in Springfield. She was again able to travel as a married woman and perform a "couple power ministry" to other couples. Together, she and Lauren held retreats in Ohio, Minnesota, California and Washington, which was their passion. They also travelled three times to Europe assisting Family Life Mission chapters in Germany, Poland and Austria.

When asked what theme might override her life, Ingrid responded: All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?

She loved finding home and creating a home for others while journeying "On My Way Home", the title of her last book [published in English].

Ingrid is survived and sorely missed by her husband, Rev. Lauren Youngdale; seven siblings, John, Veda Magnuson, Eunice Will, Carl, Gustaf, Mary Orvis and David; her children, Katrine, Daniel, David, Stephen and Ruth; and her fourteen grandchildren, as well as her stepchildren, nieces and nephews from 10 states and innumerable other friends from Family Life Mission, Augustana and Christ's huge family here on earth. She belonged to us all. We thank our God for a wife, mother and friend who shows us the way home, leading from fear and darkness into His glorious light.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 26, 2007 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in Rivermonte Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening, with a time for sharing memories following, in J.D.Lee and Sons Funeral Home, located 4.5 miles east of Springfield at the corner of Highway 60 and Farm Road 223, west of Rogersville.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Family Life Mission, 3994 E. Farm Road 156, Springfield, 65809.