

TIME WITH MORTVEDT: Espeseth met the Mortvedts first in 1952. Her husband taught at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas when Mortvedt was President. Her husband was in charge of the music program. Mortvedt loved the arts. Espeseth liked Gladys. Mortvedt had a hearing aid and it was normally an issue for him.

WHEATON COLLEGE: The Espeseths moved to Wheaton College in Wheaton Illinois and still kept in contact with the Mortvedts.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY: Espeseth's husband came to Pacific Lutheran University as a music professor. Mortvedt was already president at Pacific Lutheran University. Espeseth started to work at the registrar's office.

VISITING THE MORTVEDTS: Faculty couples would spend Thanksgiving and sometimes Christmas together. Mrs. Mortvedt was a wonderful host and a well-read woman. Mortvedt was a hunter. The Mortvedts had a great family life and they would bring their children for visits to the campus during the summer time. Mortvedt was an intelligent person who was honest but sometimes hard to approach.

GLADYS'S HEALTH: Mrs. Mortvedt's health started to go and it was hard for the Mortvedts. He received help from friends he made at the university. Mrs. Mortvedt's health problems were genetic.

CHILDHOOD: He loved his home in Illinois. He has a brother named Ariel and a sister who has an adoptive daughter who came to Pacific Lutheran University.

IMPRESSIONS OF MORTVEDT: Espeseth learned a new word every time he spoke. He had a Harvard degree and taught at St. Olaf. Mortvedt worked at a church and was interested in Lutheran higher education. He was smart and religious.

LUTHERAN HOME: He gave money to the Lutheran Home. The Recreational Hall is named after him.

COMMENCEMENT: Mortvedt was a dignified speaker and never stomped his hands on the tables.

VALUES: He had a lot of integrity and was honest. He thought that his faith was central and believed in God and Jesus. He was a good judge on literary things.

CLOSING THOUGHTS: He is missed. Emmet and Marion Eklund, a religion professor who went to Thanksgiving with them.