

Elizabeth Luther Kniss

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Elizabeth Luther was the first surviving daughter of Robert and Ella Luther's expanding family. She was to be joined by only one sister, and eventually **eight**, yes **8** brothers! Elizabeth stayed with the Mennonite tradition by marrying Lloy Kniss. Uncle Lloy and Elizabeth spent many years in India as missionaries and all of their four children spent time there as well. Lloy eventually became a Bishop in the Mennonite Church and they spent their last years together near Baltimore. Lloy and Elizabeth had four children, three boys and one girl. They were Paul, Mark, Esther, and David. All four followed in their parents tradition by becoming ministers, missionaries, or marrying a minister!

Elizabeth was one of the seven R.M. Luther children to reach the age of 90! It would be hard for us today to imagine living in a home with 8 brothers, four who were older than her, and four who were younger.

Many of the cousins who gathered around Lloy and Elizabeth, were always fascinated by the intriguing stories that they told us when they returned from one of their tours in India.



In picture above, Aunt Elizabeth is flanked by son David and Esther on the right, and son Mark and Betty on the left



Here, at the 2001 Luther Reunion is the "Kniss" family contingent. Esther and Myron Augsberger, Mark and Betty Kniss, and Mark's son James.



Three of the Kniss children pose for pictures at the 2005 Luther Reunion from the left, Paul and Esther, Mark and Betty, and Esther and Myron Augsberger

One amusing story I always remember was when Aunt Elizabeth was once asked why Kniss wasn't pronounced Ka-Niss? She quickly responded, I don't Ka-know!

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The photo above was taken at the 1987 Luther Reunion with the remaining Luther 1st generation. Standing are George, Sam, Ted, and Martin. Seated is Elizabeth with Newt and Lidia Belle.

The photo below was taken at the 2007 Luther Reunion. Left to Right are Mark, Betty, Esther, and Paul. This was the last year Esther was able to attend our reunion.



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The Kniss family at the 2009 Luther Reunion are shown in the picture above.

All four children from the Elizabeth and Lloy Kniss family were in attendance and are in the picture below. Mark, Paul, David, and Esther.



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Here, David and Betty seem to be in “deep thought”, or are they just waiting for the meal?



David Kniss gives the blessing prior to the 2009 Luther Reunion feast.



Paul is all smiles as he introduces his new bride Naomie to the Luther clan. She fit in fine, and was welcomed by all.



Esther, Mark, and Paul wowed the crowd by singing “Jesus Loves Me” in the Hindi language. Everybody was amazed that they remembered the words. (2009 Reunion)



The Lloy & Elizabeth Kniss Family



The Mark Kniss Family in 1976

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Elizabeth's son David Kniss Family: David and Esther in Front. Fred Kniss with wife Rosalyn and sons Mike w/fiancé Ashley Handrich, and Steve. Phil Kniss, wife Irene and daughters Andrea w/husband Ben Stutzman, Sharon, and Christina. Carl Kniss, wife Rochelle, and daughters Katrina, Deanna, and Stephanie. Sonya Kniss Miller, w/husband Ellis, and children Nathan, Kirstin, and Logan. (December 2008)