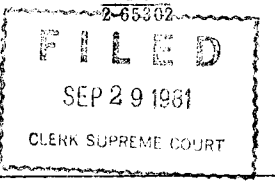
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF ESTHER ELLEN GENTOSI AND TED C. GENTOSI

Upon the Petition of)
ESTHER ELLEN GENTOSI,)
Petitioner-Appellant,)
And Concerning)
TED C. GENTOSI,)
Respondent-Appellee.)

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Appeal from Polk District Court. Rodney J. Ryan, Judge.

Petitioner appeals from the property division provisions of the parties' dissolution of marriage decree, and from the denial of an award of alimony. AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART.

Virgil Moore, Des Moines, Ia., for petitioner-appellant.

Ed Skinner, Altoona, Ia., for respondent-appellee.

Submitted to Oxberger, C. J., and Donielson, Snell, Carter, and Johnson, JJ.

PER CURIAM

Petitioner, Esther Gentosi, appeals from the property division provisions of the parties' dissolution of marriage decree, and from the denial of an award of alimony. We affirm in part, and reverse in part.

The trial court found that money in the respondent's keeping for his mother's use would not be an asset of the parties. Our examination of the record shows that the property division of the marital assets made by the Court was equitable. All other assets not divided between the parties belonged to respondent's mother.

The trial court denied alimony, stating "the time being long past when alimony would be a viable alternative to providing for the petitioner."

We find that alimony is appropriate in this case. The parties have been married for thirty years. Petitioner primarily raised the three children and otherwise helped respondent achieve his career objectives unimpeded by family considerations. Petitioner did not pursue any career objectives due to her committment to raising the parties' three children. Although the parties have been separated off and on for the last 14 years, the respondent has continued to assist the petitioner with her necessities. His income is approximately $28,907, and hers is $6,428. There is little likelihood that her earning capacity will increase in view of her background, education, and age. We find that respondent should pay petitioner the sum of $200 per month until either dies or she remarries.

All other aspects of the decree are affirmed.

Costs of this appeal are to be paid by the respondent.

AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART.