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WHEATLAND—Edla Malin Geringer filled the hearts of many and painted their faces with a smile. She knew no strangers and found a friend in everyone.

Although Edla died Sunday, May 19, she will remain in the hearts of all who knew her. She was born Feb. 25, 1913, near Potter Neb., to the parents of Lambert and Tensia (Bengtson) Johnson.

At age seven, Edla moved with her family to Wheatland where she graduated from high school in 1930. She married Gottlieb Geringer Jr., in Wheatland, Nov. 30, 1941.

Edla and her husband raised a family of seven on their farm east of town.

She kept busy as a mother to Rick Geringer of Wheatland, Judy Stallman of Sheridan, Wyo., Marilyn Ledoux of Nashua, N.H., Joanne Pease of Rapid City, S.D., Gov. Jim Geringer of Cheyenne, Wyo., Ron Geringer of Boise, Idaho, and Betty Middaugh.

"What is so special about a mom is when they are like one of the kids." Jim said

"Edla lived by three rules in her life; God, family and flowers. She followed her heart with God and raised her seven children through God. She loved flowers and would treat each plant like a family member."

She lived an up-beat life showing dedication and admiration to her husband Gottlieb Jr.

"When Dad went to the nursing home she would spend ten hours a day up there. She was faithful, and ahead of that, she was always there by his side," Jim said.

She had a memory for everything and that was all she needed. She always wanted her family to be rich, but rich with love, culture, wisdom and faith."

Edla is also survived by three sisters, Elsie Jessen and Lenora Patterson, both of Wheatland, and Evelyn Stephens of Loveland, Colo.; twenty-three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Edla, 83, will be held Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1004 Willow Street, in Wheatland with Reverend David L. Anderson officiating. Interment will be held in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gottlieb Nov. 13, 1992; a daughter, Betty Middaugh; and two brothers, Thurston Johnson in infancy and Herman Johnson. Serving as pallbearers will be Don Stephens, Ed Drury, Dave Patterson, Joe Geringer, Delbert Dick and Steve Middaugh. Honorary pallbearers will be Rob Geringer, Casey Ledoux, Eric Middaugh, Chad Ledoux, Tim Shelton, Allen Geringer, Aaron Geringer, Kevin Ledoux, Andrew Geringer and Josh Stallman.

Edla spent 60 years of her life as the organist for her church and family events.