

Elsie Margaret Jessen

December 17, 1910 – December 29, 2008

A funeral service for Elsie Margaret Jessen, 98, was conducted at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, January 3, 2009, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wheatland, Wyoming, with Pastor Lincoln C. Winter officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

She went to her eternal home Monday, December 29, 2008, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Elsie was born December 17, 1910, in Potter, Nebraska, the daughter of Lambert and Tensia (Svenson) Johnson. After high school, she received Normal Training and taught school from 1928- 1934. On January 27, 1935, Elsie married Alvin C. Jessen in Wheatland. She was a farmer's wife, mother, and cared for her grandchildren. In 1964, she began working at Platte County Memorial Hospital until her retirement. Elsie played the organ at church during the 1930's and as needed into the 1960's. She volunteered at the church by cleaning and in any other way she could throughout her life until osteoporosis limited her activities. Elsie enjoyed gardening, caring for her flowers, canning, fishing, and trapping with her husband throughout her lifetime and was dedicated to teaching all those around her everything she knew in addition to showing God's love through her thoughts, words, actions, and deeds. She was very proud of celebrating her 98th birthday and of living in her own home until a fall on November 22, 2008. She was known to many simply as "Grandma".

Survivors include her daughters, Thelma Cornwall of Wheatland and Lucille "Lu" (Bob) Luhring of Pullman, Washington; a sister, Evelyn Stephens of Loveland, Colorado; grandchildren, Sharon (Dail) Dozier of Laramie, Wyoming, Don (Laurie) Moede and family of Wheatland, Carolyn (John) Redding and family of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Amy (Joe) Stokes and family of Rawlins, Wyoming, Jeanne Moede and family of Laramie, Debby (Paul) Jenkins of Boyce, Virginia, Tammy (Rene) Davidson of Leesburg, Virginia, Roger "Milo"



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Hager of Point Townsend, Washington, Paula (Randy) Tennant of Boyce, Virginia, Patricia (Joe) Krauss of Selma, Oregon, John (Linda) Swenson of Jacksonville, Florida, Mary (John) McGovern of Jacksonville, Florida, Jeremiah Swenson of New York, Diana McCarty and husband, Joe Sestak Jr. of Cheyenne, Dan (Andie) Cornwall of Lingle, Wyoming, Cynthia Westerman of Florida, and Teresa Cornwall of Denver, Colorado, Sherre (Todd) Komp of Pullman, Washington, Tim (Stacie) Luhring of Tacoma, Washington; and

great-grandchildren, Michelle and Kenny Jenkins, Andrew, Sarah, and Katherine Davidson, Allison Hager, Joshua, Matthew, and Benjamin Tennant, Natty and Sophia Krauss, Emily Swenson, Cody and Hannah McGovern, Scott and Nat McCarty, Clara, Becky and Alex Sutherland, and Mariah and Aaron Westerman, Rylie and Hayden Luhring, Page, Dylan and Brenna Komp; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents; husband on October 8, 1992; two daughters, Margaret Moede and Helen Swenson; two sisters, Edla Geringer and Lenora Patterson; two brothers, Herman and Thurston Johnson; a granddaughter, Charlene Cornwall on May 19, 1962; and a great granddaughter, Rachel Tennant.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dan Cornwall, Dail Dozier, Tim Luhring, Nat McCarty, Scott McCarty, and Joe Sestak Jr.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 216, Wheatland, WY 82201 or the Wheatland Dialysis Center in care of the Community Thrift Store, 866 Gilchrist Street, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Family and friends may call at the funeral chapel on Friday from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday at the church from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Gorman Funeral Homes – Platte Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.