

Elsie M. Weddum - 92 ✓

Dec. 19, 1914 - Dec. 4, 2007

ELK HORN - Elsie Margaret Weddum, the daughter of Mads Jorgen and Inger Marie Peitersen Madsen, was born December 19, 1914, at her parents' home in Shelby County, near Elk Horn, IA and died December 4, 2007 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, IA at the age of 92 years, 11 months, and 15 days.



Elsie was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, IA. She attended rural school "Sharon No. 9" and graduated from the Elk Horn High School with the Class of 1933. She was employed at the Post Office as an Assistant Postmaster until the beginning of World War II. Elsie then traveled to Washington D. C. where she worked for the FBI in the fingerprinting department for two years. She moved to Seattle WA and was employed by Boeing at a defense plant until the end of World War II. She returned to Elk Horn and worked in the Post Office.

On November 23, 1947, she was united in marriage to Hans C. Weddum at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Two children, Dennis and Diane, were born to this union. Elsie was a homemaker for several years. She later assisted Hans in the operation of the Danish Mutual Insurance Association until she retired in 1982. Hans died January 29, 1992. During retirement Elsie enjoyed volunteering and was recognized for her service in 1995 by S.W. 8 Senior Services, Inc. Elsie enjoyed a very full and active life and was devoted to family and friends.

Elsie was a lifelong active member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She enjoyed participating in the many activities of the church and the community.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her son Dennis Lynn Weddum; her parents; her brothers and sisters: Lydia and husband Alvin Mortenson; Eda and husband Thorvald Hansen, Eleanor and husband Elmer Sornson; Edna and husbands Emory Fredrickson and Adolph Lange; Edmund and wife Evelyn Madsen; George Madsen; Edmund T. Madsen; and Nels Olsen and wife Claudine; brothers-in-law: Folmer Weddum; Elmer Weddum; Earl and wife Lois Weddum; Walter and wife Irene Weddum.

Survivors include her daughter Diane and husband Tim White of Omaha, NE; her grandchildren: Erin and husband Capt. Earmon C. Wilcher, III of Leeheim, Germany; Laura and husband Brad Bird of Omaha; Sean White of Honolulu, HI; her great-grandchildren: Colton Wilcher of Leeheim, Germany and Jesse Bird of Omaha; her brother, Alvin and wife Arlene Madsen of Grimes, IA; her sisters-in-law: Mildred Weddum of Atlantic, IA and Leila Weddum of Bullhead City, AZ; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Keith Menter on Friday, December 7, 2007 at 10:30 A.M. at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, IA. Interment was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Sean P. White and Capt. Earmon C. Wilcher, III. Casket bearers will be Keith Madsen, Mark Weddum, Brad Bird, Galen Sornson, Lynn Mortensen and Tim Fredericksen. The family met friends Thursday evening at 6:00 at the Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon.

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