



Esther Lillian Nelson, 90, Flaxton, died Friday, January 9, 2009, in Trinity Hospital, Minot, North Dakota.

Esther Lillian Johnson was born April 19, 1918, to Karl Gottfred and Della Mae (Bogges) Johnson. She grew up on the family farm at Long Creek Township, Divide County, North Dakota with her sisters, Mary, Edna, Agnes, and her brother, Carl. In her youth, she learned to love reading the Bible and playing her

violin. She graduated from Crosby High School in 1936, and later from Minot State Teachers College. She then taught at a rural school in North Dakota.

She married Raymond Arthur Nelson on September 8, 1940, in Portland, Oregon, where they resided for several years. They returned to North Dakota to farm in the Lignite/Flaxton area, where they raised their nine children. In the 1960s, she began an in depth study of the Bible. She was baptized as a Jehovah Witness July 17, 1970. Esther loved to talk about the Bible and loved all people. Her beloved husband, Raymond, passed away in 1974.

She is survived by her nine children: Ila Rae Maki, Arva Kae Walters, Dale Arnold Nelson, Oren Kenneth Nelson, Ona Faa Nelson, Eddy Dean Nelson, Coni Lee Evans, Mari Lyn Koreski, and Don Carlos Nelson. Also surviving and thriving are 18 grandchildren: Julie, John, Karin, Brian, Steve, Dawn, Brenda, Amie, Dan, Leslie, Donna, Heather, Paul, Michael, Maria, Christopher, Elizabeth and Lillian. older sister, Mary Svangstu; There are also 28 great grandchildren: Kristi, Brittnee, Katie, Brianna, Mercedes, Brandy, Aaron, Annika, Matthew, Zoe, Toby, DeNaye, Ashley, Charlie, Clay, Brooke, Heather, David, Ethan, Alyssa, Ciara, Micah, Isaac, Ashlyn, Aidan, Jacob, Elyse, Conner, and 4 great-great grandsons: Jonathen, Jackzon, Alex, Bradley.

Esther Lillian Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; parents, Karl and Della Johnson, and her sisters, Agnes Haugland and Edna Nelson, as well as her brother, Carl Johnson.



*In Loving Memory
Of
Esther Lillian Nelson
1918-2009*