

ALTON, Esther Lillian Erna (Wentland)

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Charles Mix County SD  
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## Esther Alton, 94, of Viborg



Esther died Monday, August 13, 2007 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. Funeral Mass will be 11 AM, Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Centerville. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Wagner. Visitation will be from 2 PM until 3:30 PM with the family present on Sunday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Visitation will continue on Monday from 6 PM to 7 PM, followed by a 7 PM prayer service at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Centerville.

Esther Lillian Erna Alton was born May 21, 1913 in Charles Mix County, South Dakota, the daughter of John and Anna (Nimtz) Wentland. She died Monday, August 13, 2007 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg, SD. Esther at-

tained the age of 94 years, two months and 23 days.

Esther married Vernon LeRoy Alton on December 9, 1929 at Sioux City, IA. Four children were born to their union. They lived in Wagner from the time of their marriage until they moved to Viborg in 1986. Vernon passed away on August 30, 1990.

Esther loved to spend time with her grandchildren and up until three months ago she would take her daily walks. She enjoyed baking her great cinnamon rolls and strawberry rhubarb pies. She was always happy and busy. Esther will be missed by all.

Thankful for having shared her life are her two sons: Ernest (Thelma) Alton of Viborg and Kevin (Judy) Alton of Lemmon; nine grandchildren: Leilani Maloney, Leslie Ackerman, George Ackerman, Aaron Alton, Angela Schumacher, Lori Huber, Brenda Huber, Heather Alton and Trevor Alton; 16 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one sister, Evalyn Paynter of Seattle, WA and a special niece, Virginia Hamilton of Yankton.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband; son, Mervin; daughter, Margaret; two brothers: Otto and Paul; and five sisters: Frieda, Katherine, Ellen, Elizabeth and Gertrude.