OPFERKEW, Eldene Loyette (Jensen) Hurd

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Eldene Opferkew



Mrs. Eldene Loyette (Jensen, Hurd) Opferkew, 77, of Port Angeles, Washington, died the evening of July 5, 2002.

Memorial service will be held July 26, 2002, at Olympic Lodge #32 hall in Port Angeles.

She was born April 27, 1925, to Henry Emanual Jensen and Helga Olivia (Grytvik) Jensen, on the family homestead near Viborg, South Dakota. After graduating from Viborg High School in 1942, she worked in the aviation field during World War II in Los Angeles, California. She married John I. Hurd in 1945. They moved back to Viborg. Her husband, John, died in 1952. She married Leo Henry Opferkew of Wakonda, South Dakota, January 22, 1955, and lived in Wakonda where she worked in the E & I Cafe and later owned and operated her own cafe. She also worked at the University of South Dakota in the food service department. Leo and Eldene moved to Farmington, Minnesota, in 1968 where Eldene worked as a metal press operator for Thorwin Metal Works for several years. They moved to Port Angeles, Washington, in 1987.

She was a member of Olympic Lodge #32, Sons of Norway, Women into Scandanavia History (W.I.S.H.), Hardanger Embroidery and Rosemalling Workshop. She was a leader in the annual Lutefisk Dinner sponsored by the Sons of Norway.

She is survived by her husband Leo, one son Larry W. (Bonnie) Hurd, grandson John M. Hurd, granddaughter Gretchen A. (Hurd) Souza, and two great-grandchildren, Chace and Ingrid Souza, all of Port Angeles, one brother, Marlin Jensen of Wall, South Dakota, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Norman Jensen, and sister, Sophie (Jensen) Stevens all of Viborg.

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