

ELLINGSON, Ragnhild Kristiane (Gabrielsen)

May 21, 1909
Norway
February 4, 2002
Willmar, Minnesota

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Ragnhild Ellingson

Ragnhild Kristiane Ellingson, age 92, of Willmar, MN died Monday evening, February 4, at the Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 9, at the First Baptist Church in Willmar with the Pastor Ron Snyder of the Grace Baptist Church officiating. The interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Ragnhild was born on May 21, 1909, in Vestre Aker, Oslo, Norway, the daughter of Helena L. (Andersen)

and Gustaf A. Gabrielsen. She grew up and received her education in Norway. In February of 1926, at the age of 17, she immigrated to the United States and lived in Wildrose, ND, with her sister. On October 13, 1929, she was married to Irvin Leonard Ellingson in Williston, ND at the Norwegian Lutheran Church by the Rev. H. B. Wingerd. They lived in the Sunburg and Belgrade area and later moved to Jerihco, MN. Ragnhild was employed at the Farmers Produce in Willmar. In 1953, they moved to Northern Minnesota and in 1959, to Grand Rapids where she was active in her church, singing, playing guitar and teaching Sunday School. In 1972, they moved to California and in 1977, Irvin died. In 1990, Ragnhild moved to Viborg, SD and in October of 1998, moved to the Cottonwood Apartments in Spicer and later to the Scandia House in Willmar.

She is survived by three sons, Marvin Ellingson of Spicer, John (and Doreen) Ellingson of Apple Valley, Larry (and Cheryl) Ellingson of New Munich; two daughters, Sylvia (and Clarence) Ruter of Viborg, SD and Gladys Schorn of Willmar. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren and 23 great great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Irvin in 1977, one son, Roy Ellingson, four brothers and two sisters.