

Obituary

Margarete Heinzmann Thurston, 90



Margarete Heinzmann Thurston, 90, long time resident of Springfield-Pingree area, passed away Friday, February 26, 2010 at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born October 16, 1919 in Kraslice, Czech Republic, the daughter of Friedrich and Marie Boehm Heinzmann. Margarete was raised and educated in Czechoslovakia.

After graduation, she was employed as a stenographer and secretary by the German Government. After World War II, she worked in the same capacity for different branches of the American Occupation Forces in East and West Germany.

Margarete met her husband, Thurland Thurston, during his military service in Europe. After his return to the States, and his discharge, she joined him in November of 1948. They married in Salt Lake City and made their home later in the Springfield and Pingree area, where they engaged in farming. They raised hay, grain, potatoes and had a dairy farm. They worked hard through the years until their retirement.

She had many talents, during World War II, she took army blankets and made beautiful tailored suits. She was an excellent homemaker, gardener, seamstress, loved to knit, crochet and enjoyed her children and grandchildren. She was always thinking of others and their needs. She loved wide open spaces, with the peace and tranquility.

Margarete is survived by her children, Peter Thurston of Springfield, Ingrid Weekes of Blackfoot, Ralph (Jeriann) Thurston of Blackfoot, Jeanette (Jon) Wilson of Boise, Roger Thurston of Boise and Pat (Sheldon) Dance of Idaho Falls; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

Margarete is preceded in death by her husband, Thurland; her parents; three brothers, two sisters, two son-in-laws and one great grandchild.

Private funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Lakeview LDS Church in Springfield. The family will meet with friends on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be in the Springfield Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.