

Obituary

Elna Barnes Turner, 89



Elna Turner, 89, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010 at her home.

Elna was born September 24, 1920 to Louis Barnes and Vetriss Isabel Adams in Blackfoot, Idaho. Elna received her education in the Rockford and Thomas schools, graduating from Thomas High School. Other than a brief time in Utah, she has lived her lifetime in Bingham County, spending over 40 years in her current home.

On November 16, 1938, Elna married Stuart LaMar Turner in Pocatello, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on April 8, 1949. Together they had seven children.

Elna was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in all organizations. From 1983 to 1985, Elna and Stuart served in the Philadelphia Penn Mission. Her favorite calling was the twelve years she spent with Stuart working in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Elna worked as a homemaker and for the Snake River School District as a cook and secretary. In her free time, she enjoyed her yard and garden, she handmade shawls and hundreds of quilts for her family and for the humanitarian programs. She just finished one last quilt for the humanitarian program just ten days before she passed away. She was a member of the D.U.P. and they enjoyed square dancing in their younger years. She was very patriotic and was proud of her country. She loved nature in all its forms, traveling and enjoyed seeing the beautiful world. Her family and being with them was the most important thing to her.

Elna is survived by her daughters, Sharlene Turner of Riverside, Karen VanOrden of Rockford and Brenda Godfrey of Moreland; sons, Brent (Judy) Turner of Blackfoot and Lynn (Cindy) Turner of Blackfoot; sister, Wilma Merrell of Salt Lake City, Utah; 22 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; and 7 great great grandchildren.

Elna is preceded in death by her husband, Stuart; her parents; daughter, Kathleen; son, Douglas; sons in law, Lonny VanOrden and Lyle Godfrey; brothers, Myron and Elden; and sisters, Ruth Atwood, Hannah Gale and Genda Lanza.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Riverside LDS Chapel, with Justin Hokanson conducting. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.