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## **Mabel Esta Ingwersen, 98**

**PERSIA** – Mabel Esta Ingwersen, daughter of Fred and Esta Smith was born in Persia, June 22, 1908. Her children was at Persia and she graduated from Persia High School in 1926. She taught at Spring Creek school one year before her marriage to Edwin Jens Ingwersen May 23, 1927.

They were the parents of three children, Joyce, Lyle and John. They farmed north of Persia and lived there 50 years before moving into Persia in 1977. They were married 55 years at the time of Ed's death in 1982, Lyle and John also preceded their mother in death, Lyle in 1975 and John in 1983. She died Jan. 9 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, NE.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Welbourne of Neola; brother, Alfred Smith of Persia; eight grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia with Pastor Alan Elsinger, officiating. Honorary bearers were Gaylan Smith, Stan Martens and John Finerty. Bearers were grandsons, Michael Ingwersen, Edwin Ingwersen, John Ingwersen, Craig Welbourne, David Welbourne and Mark Welbourne. Burial was in the Valley View cemetery at Persia.