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## **Xilpha Mae Long, 91**

**SPEARFISH, S.D.** - Xilpha Mae (Meink) Long was born Sept. 9, 1898 in Shelby Co., to Wilhelm L. and Alice Josephine (Green) Meink. In 1916, the family moved to Jerauld Co., community of Lane, S.D. She worked for the Lone Telephone Exchange from 1923 to 1929 and then worked for the Central West Telephone exchange.

She married David L. Long Nov. 8, 1930 in Kennebec. They lived in Lone and in 1931 they purchased the Central West Telephone Exchange. In 1937, they sold the exchange. From 1937 until 1967, she was post-mistress at Lone. She retired in 1967 and moved to Spearfish.

She died Oct. 31, 1989 at David M. Dorsett Health Care Facility in Spearfish, S.D.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Effie Ring and three brothers, Raymond, Clifford and Harvey Meink. Surviving are two brothers, Ralph and Basil Meink of Spearfish; five sisters, Nancy Houlihan, Ruth Frost and Wilma Copas all of Spearfish; Edith Ammon of Woonsocket and Addie Britton of Grand Island, NE.; nieces and nephews.

Prayer service was held Friday night at the Fidler Funeral Chapel in Spearfish with graveside services and burial Nov. 4, 1989 at Prospect Hill cemetery in Wessington Springs, S.D.