

## **Elma Mae Sorsen, 100**

*Oct. 26, 1901 – Aug. 3, 2002*

**WALNUT** – Elma Mae Sorsen was born Oct. 26, 1901, in Walnut, and was the daughter of Otto and Marie Martens Schroeder. She was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona.

Elma married Bernhardt J. Sorsen Sept. 30, 1931, in Algona, and later moved to Walnut in October of 1931. They were the parents of two children, Robert and Marlayne. She worked at the Walnut School as a cook from 1950 until her retirement in 1963. She then worked part time at Peace Haven as a cook. In January of 2000 she moved from Peace Haven to Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Anita. She was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. She died Aug. 3, 2002, at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Anita, at age 100 years, 10 months and eight days.

Her husband, parents, brothers, Carl and Harry, and one sister, Hertha Dau, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Robert Sorsen (Virginia) of Moraga, CA, and Marlayne (George) McNary of Atlantic; grandchildren, Rebecca (Bruce) Mattick of Mountain View, CA; Paula (Dennis) Sweeney of Fairfield, CA; Neal Sorsen (Beth) of Pleasanton, CA; Susan (Michael) Krominga of Oklahoma City, OK and Douglas McNary (Martie) of Aurora, CO; 12 great grandchildren, Christa, Kylie, Cole and Kourtney Sweeney; Lauren Mattick; Benjamin, Samuel and Thomas Sorsen; Kelsey and Aaron Korminga and Brittany and Chase McNary; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, 2002, at the Peace United Church with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Bill Dau, Ronald Schroeder, Wayne Olson, Wilbert Ruhnke, Larry Meyers and Bill Boettger. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.