

LEONA MARIE ELMER

November 7, 1909 - July 12, 2003

Leona Marie Elmer, age 93, of Monticello passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at Graceland Manor in Monroe. Leona was born in Mount Pleasant Township, Green County, Wisconsin on November 7, 1909, the daughter of Isaac and Louisa (Gempelcr) Babler. Leona graduated from Monticello High School in 1927 and later married John C. Elmer on February 20, 1929 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe. After their marriage they resided on the Elmer Homestead Brown Swiss Dairy Farm of Monticello. In 1991 Leona moved to the J. C. Elmer Subdivision in Monticello and was a resident of Graceland Manor since January 2002.



She was a long-time member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, the Women's Guild, adult fellowship groups and for over fifty years a member of the Zwingli Ladies Aid. She is survived by her daughter Virginia Mennicke of Monticello, and a son, Gregory Elmer of Madison; four grandchildren, Rebecca (Scon) Lengling of Milwaukee, Jon (Mary Elizabeth) Pier of Muskego, Debra (Tim) Lucey of Mazomanie, Jo'dell (Mike) O'Shaughnessy of Portage; thirteen great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren: sister, Marion Bobb of Lebanon, Missouri and a special grandson-in-law, Lowell Nelson of Cambridge.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband John C. Elmer, in 1986; daughter Darlyne Wuetrich in 1962; a granddaughter Kathryn Nelson in 1997; sisters, Anita Richardson in 1983 and Helen Dettwiler in 1995; brothers, Leroy Babler in 1974 and Ewald Babler in 1997.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, with Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiating. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. Friends may call on Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until time of services.

A memorial fund will be established in Leona's name for the Monroe Clinic Hospice.