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Thelma Iola (Wickingson) Mason

PALMYRA — Thelma Iola (Wickingson) Mason went to her eternal home on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2006, at the age of 98.

She was born on April 19, 1908, to Herbert Ole and Emma (Wolfe) Wickingson. She grew up in the Skoponong area of Walworth County (now the La Grange area).

Thelma attended Shady Lawn country school and Whitewater College High School, and graduated from the rural teachers' course at the State Teacher's College in Whitewater in 1927. She then was a teacher at the Shady Lawn School and three other one-room schools until 1941.

She married Melvin O. Mason on July 12, 1941, at Skoponong Lutheran Church in Palmyra, and he preceded her in death in 1976. They had two sons, John I. and Jerry P. Mason.

She lived at her rural home in the Town of Palmyra until December 2002 when she moved to Fairhaven Retirement Community in Whitewater.

Thelma was a lifelong member of Skoponong/St. Matthew Lutheran Church, and her faith and church activities were central in her life. She taught Sunday school classes for 35 years, sang in the church choir, held many offices in the women's organization, led the church quilters for many years and was the church historian for many years.

Thelma had many other interests and hobbies. She was a 4-H leader, collected local history, researched family genealogy and traveled whenever she was able. She was one of the original members of the Palmyra Historical Society, and she was Palmyra's honored Old Settler in 1987.

She is survived by her son, John (Sally); her grandchildren, Christine Ann (Darren) Poulson and Steven John (Christine) Mason; her great-grandchildren, Travis and Carson Poulson and Rachel Mason; and many other relatives and friends.

She also was preceded in death by her son, Jerry, in 2005; and her brothers, Harley and Ralph Wickingson.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at St. Matthew Church, 313 W. Main St. Burial will be in Skoponong Cemetery following the service.

Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

If desired, memorials to St. Matthew Lutheran Church would be appreciated.

Mealy's Funeral Home in Palmyra is serving the family, (262) 495-2127.



Thelma Iola Mason

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Baker School