

Enterprise

Obit. Zimmermann,
Evelyn B.
7/9/1909 - 12/20/2010

EVELYN B. ZIMMERMAN

Evelyn B. Zimmerman, 101, died Dec. 20, 2010, at Linden Grove Nursing Home, Waukesha.



The former Evelyn Bessie Peterson was born on July 9, 1909, in LaGrange Township, Walworth County, to the late Edwin C. and Bergina Hansen Peterson. Her twin brother died at two months. Her Norwegian parents were both teachers.

She grew up on the family farm near Palmyra and Whitewater, and graduated from Whitewater Normal School (now UW-Whitewater), in 1929 with a teaching degree and taught school near Whitewater.

On June 27, 1934, she married Marcus T. Zimmerman in Scuppernong Lutheran Church

in Palmyra (now St. Matthew Lutheran Church). They lived for many years on the Zimmerman farm east of Whitewater, where Marcus farmed and was known for raising and training workhorses in his spare time, and where five of their children were born. She became a 4-H leader, and all of the children became 4-H members.

She enjoyed music, sang in church choirs, played clarinet, piano, and harmonica, and was known for her spectacular flower gardens.

In the spring of 1948, the family moved to a larger farm north of Palmyra, where the rest of the children were born. She studied to finish nurses training and was a nurse at the Wisconsin Masonic Home in Dousman for more than 20 years.

Following their retirement, they moved to Brodhead, where they lived until Marcus's death in 1987. She moved back to Palmyra-Dousman-Eagle area to be closer to family.

Survivors include her children, Arnold (Nancy) Zimmerman, Downers Grove, Ill., Carol (Francis) Gombar, Brodhead, Darlene Widish, Oconomowoc, Loren Zimmerman (Becky), Phillips, Barb Lewiston (Craig), Eagle, Rebecca Kenast, Palmyra and Roy Zimmerman, Palmyra.

She was further preceded in death by her son, Lee, at birth; two grandsons; and brothers, Arthur, Maurice, Leonard, Clarence, and Edwin B. Peterson,

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life is Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m., at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 313 Main St., Palmyra. The Rev. Steven Blyth will officiate. There will be a gathering of friends and family from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church. Mealy's Funeral Home in Eagle is assisting the family.

For online obituary and guest registry go to www.hdl-funeralhomes.com.