

Elsie Olga Gross

Elsie Olga Gross, 88, of Fort Atkinson, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, at Fairhaven Retirement Community in Whitewater.

Elsie was born in Eagle on March 4, 1922, the daughter of Reinhold and Frieda (Thierfelder) Fiege. She attended the Eagleville School. The family moved to a larger farm in Union Grove and later returned to Eagle.

Elsie met her future husband, Arnold Gross, at a dance in Little Prairie. The couple were married at the Palmyra United Methodist Church on Oct. 29, 1938. Arnold preceded her in death on May 20, 2007.



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Elsie and Arnold worked at various farm operations and also had a milk hauling operation and a gravel business. In 1959, they bought land off of State Highway 106 where they built a home and lived until 1992 when the couple moved into Fort Atkinson.

In 1999 they moved to Jefferson and Elsie moved to Fairhaven in Whitewater in 2007. The couple wintered in Arizona since 1985.

Elsie served as the clerk for the Hebron Town Board for four years. In 1963, she started working as a cook in food service for the Fort Atkinson School District, retiring in 1984.

Elsie was a 4-H Leader in Hebron, served on the school board at the Curtis Mill School, was president of the Farm Bureau Women, was president of Chapter 17 of Wisconsin Food Service, was president of the Fort Atkinson Area Senior Citizens Center Advisory Board and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson, serving on several church boards.

Elsie enjoyed traveling with her husband.

Surviving are her children, Francis Gross of Jefferson, Roger (Joanne) Gross of Jefferson, Arlene (Scott) Trull of Rothschild and Donald (Olive) Gross of Fort Atkinson; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Fiege and Emil Fiege, in infancy; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Gross.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson with the Rev. Russell Frees, Jr. officiating. Inurnment will be in the Hebron Cemetery in the Town of Hebron.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Nitardy Funeral Home in Fort Atkinson, and after 10 a.m. on Friday at the church until the services.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial to the First United Methodist Church in Fort Atkinson. www.nitardyfuneralhome.com

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