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Elaine Thomas

Elaine E. (Johnson) Thomas, 79, Mineral Point, died with dignity and determination Nov. 6, 2007 at Upland Hills Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dodgeville, after an extended illness.

Elaine was born July 29, 1928 in Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, the daughter of Howard S. and Olive J. (Tyson) Johnson of rural Lafayette County. She graduated from Darlington High School. She married Jack L. Thomas on June 14, 1946 at the Methodist parsonage in Belmont. They farmed in the Darlington and Mineral Point areas until moving to the city of Mineral Point in 1957.

She worked for over 30 years in the Mineral Point School District, serving as a teacher's aid, secretary for the superintendent of schools and secretary to the elementary school principal and faculty.

She was an excellent cook and seamstress and enjoyed many crafts. She thoroughly enjoyed the annual summer vacations with extended family members at Clam Lake in northern Wisconsin. Elaine and Jack were avid trailer campers and had many fun outings at area campgrounds, especially with their close friends Bob and Barb Brown and the "Brown Girls," Kris, Denise, Cory, Lori and Leann.

Elaine was a member of the Pleasant View Homemakers Club, Mineral Point Lionesses and the Mary Circle of the Mineral Point First United Methodist Church. She was a dedicated caregiver to her mother and her father-in-law in their later years. She was a selfless, humble and hardworking person who found great joy in the activities and accomplishments of her family and friends.



She is survived by her husband, Jack, Bloomfield Manor Nursing Home, Dodgeville; four sons: David (Lynda) and Russell (Sue) Thomas, Madison; Steven (Patti) Thomas, Mineral Point; Mark (Kelly Gundlach) Thomas, Fitchburg; eight grandchildren: Tristan (Erika) Thomas, Carrie (Steven Wink) Thomas-Wink, Melissa Thomas, Cheri (Kurt) Grover, Jason (Amanda) Thomas, Megan, Becky and Adam Thomas; two step-grandchildren, Cortney and Katie Wagner; five great-grandchildren: Elsie Thomas, Abbie and Cambrie Wink and Jack and Hannah Grover; a brother, Harold Johnson, Darlington; three sisters-in-law: Mae Ross, South Haven, Mich.; Dorothea Iverson, Payson, Ariz.; Carol Thomas, Dodgeville; a brother-in-law, Donald Thomas, Dodgeville; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Donald P. Johnson; an infant daughter, Beverly J. Thomas; her parents; her parents-in-law: Everett and Sophia Thomas; three brothers-in-law: Jerrold Thomas, Jack Ross and Larry Iverson; and a sister-in-law, Eileen Thomas.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church, Mineral Point. The Rev. Mary Anne Conklin will officiate. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery, Mineral Point, at a later date. Relatives and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at the Gorgen Funeral Home, Mineral Point, and from 10 a.m. until the time of services Friday at the church.

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Chester Benson

Chester Earl Benson, 89, South Wayne, died March 19, 2006 at Lafayette Manor, Darlington.

He was born July 14, 1916 in the Wiota area, the son of Charles and Rosie (Hanson) Benson. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and was discharged in 1945 as a sergeant serving with Company B, 161st Infantry. He was a Pearl Harbor veteran and involved in the battles of Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons and Luzon. He attained the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal.

He was a member of the Wiota Lutheran Church, Gratiot VFW Post #9692 and Argyle American Legion Post #251.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; a sister-in-law, Cecelia Benson, Wiota; and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Roy and Cecil Benson.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2006 at the Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home, Monroe. The Rev. Sara Gillispie of the East Wiota Lutheran Church.

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