

Emma Isaak Larson

April 13, 1923 – February 12, 1998

Emma I. Larson, 74, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away Thursday, February 12, 1998, at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Emma Isaak was born April 13, 1923, in Halliday, North Dakota, to Henry and Katherine (Ziesizler) Isaak. She grew up in Halliday and attended the North Dakota School for the Deaf in Devils Lake. She later worked at a bus depot in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Emma met Palmer Larson at a deaf people's convention in North Dakota. They were married October 22, 1948, in Watertown, South Dakota. The couple farmed near Summit and later near Parker before moving to Sioux Falls in 1952.

Emma enjoyed knitting, quilting, making bed pillows, and creating various arts and crafts. A wonderful cook, she prepared many German specialty dishes over the years. Her homemade applesauce and apple pies were enjoyed by family and friends.

She was a member of East Side Lutheran Church and the South Dakota Association of the Deaf.

Grateful for having shared her life were her husband, Palmer Larson, of Sioux Falls; her daughter, Celia J. Doolittle, and her husband, Tom, of Sioux Falls; two brothers, Norman Isaak and his wife, Tillie, of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Elmer Isaak and his wife, Gladys, of Richardton, North Dakota; a sister, Hazel Gabel, of Sioux Falls; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.



Funeral services were held on February 16, 1998, at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, with Reverend Melanie Schueler officiating. Murial Eliason served as organist, with musical selections including "How Great Thou Art" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Pallbearers were Heath Larson, Sherry Davies, Arvin Massey, Boone Davies, Nicole Davies and Tom Doolittle.

Interment followed at Hills of Rest Memorial Park in Sioux Falls. Miller Funeral Home handled the arrangements.