

Elaine Orr, 87

Elaine Orr, 87, Bristol died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol.

Her funeral was Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol, with the Rev. Janet Miller officiating. Burial was in the Bristol Cemetery, with Fiksdal Funeral Service, Webster, in charge of arrangements.

Elaine Harriet Esche was born October 14, 1922 to Erwin and Elsie (Herr) Esche, Bristol, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol. She attended school in Bristol and graduated from Bristol High School in 1941. After graduating from Aberdeen School of Commerce, she was employed at Nash-Finch Company, Aberdeen. She moved to Madison, Minn., and was employed as a bookkeeper in a local creamery.



Elaine was united in marriage to Dale Orr at Bristol, November 14, 1948. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Bristol. Elaine was employed at her parents' business, Esche Motor and Oil Company. In 1966, the couple also established Dale's Service. She was also the City Finance Officer of Bristol for many years. In the early 1980's, their son, Harold, took over the family business. She entered Sun Dial Manor, after the death of her husband in March 2000.

She was member of Bethesda Lutheran Church where she was active in L.D.R., WELCA, and quilting for World Relief. She belonged to the Jolly Dozen Club and the Bristol Commercial Club. Her hobbies included tatting and crocheting. After the couple retired she enjoyed traveling and their cabin at Enemy Swim Lake, caring for, and going on fishing trips to Canada with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, Harold (Marcia) Orr, Bristol; three daughters, Connie (Larry) Wagner, Webster; Deanna (Daniel) Nielsen, Eldridge, Iowa, and Faye (Tim) Berndt, Groton; one sister, Von (George) Bennett, Rapid City; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Gale Esche, Sr., and a lifelong friend, Pat Anderson.