



Isabelle Aspen Thompson

Isabelle Aspen Thompson, 100, Aberdeen, died Monday, April 29, 2002 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Her funeral service was May 2 at Miller-Huebl Funeral Home with Dr. Harold E. Salem officiating. Burial was at Riverside Memorial Park, Aberdeen.

Isabelle Bessie Shannon was born on April 15, 1902 at Pierpont, SD to Thomas and Grace Davis Shannon. Pierpont Township is where she grew up - although she always said it should be called "Lemmonville" after her uncle Lemmon's landholding and donations of land to start the town. She worked for her brother, Clifford, in Shannon Drug Store until she graduated from Pierpont High School. She then attended Pharmacy School at South Dakota State College and received her degree in 1922, receiving the highest mark on her state boards. She practiced pharmacy in Detroit MI, Columbia SD and Langford SD.

On September 27, 1927 she married Ervin (Babe) Aspen at Britton, SD. They had a daughter, Norma Mae, in 1928. In 1949 they moved to Langford where they started Aspen Drug Store and operated it until 1973. Babe ran the farm and Isabelle ran the drug store. She also provided emergency medical and veterinarian service because the nearest doctor was in Britton and the nearest veterinarian was in Webster. Babe died in 1971. Isabelle moved back into the Aspen farmhouse after it was moved to Langford and planned to live there in her retirement.

At the young age of 73, Isabelle married a college man she knew from Brookings, George "Tommy" Thompson. Tommy convinced her to move to Walnut Creek, CA (a suburb of Oakland) to travel and enjoy life. They had five good years together, but in 1980, Mr. Thompson died. Isabelle moved Aberdeen in 1988 where she lived first at Parkside and then at the Bethesda Nursing Home.

Isabelle died on Monday, April 29, 2002, two weeks after celebrating her 100th birthday with family and friends.

Isabelle is survived by her grandchildren, Paula and Steward Maynes, and two nieces, Mary Lou Schuelke of Chamberlain and Isabelle Jean Wood of Mandan ND and two nephews, Larry Shannon of Geneseo, Illinois and Jerry Shannon of Burlington, North Carolina.