



Signe Elvira Nelson

September 7, 1920 - February 19, 2009

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1920-2009

Funeral service for Signe Nelson, age 88 of Princeton, will be Monday, Feb 23, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Evangelical Covenant Church. Pastor Chuck Wahlstrom and will officiate. Burial will follow in the Elm Lawn Memorial Park on Feb 23, 2009. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Feb 22, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Norberg Memorial Home and one hour prior to service at the church.

Mrs. Nelson passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Feb 19, 2009 at Rosewood Care Center in Peoria. She was born on Sep 07, 1920 in Chicago, IL to Andrew and Alida (Anderson) Peterson. Both of Signe's parents died when she was young, so at the age of 9 she went to live at the Covenant Children's Home in Princeton with her sister Agnes. Signe stayed there until she graduated from Princeton High School in 1938. At the children's home she met her future husband Carl "Okie" Nelson. They were married August 1, 1945 in Princeton. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2008. She was an active member of Evangelical Covenant Church and in its affairs. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to taking care of her family and home she was the bookkeeper for Okie's business Nelson Roofing and Sheet Metal. She later

worked at First State Bank as a teller and later as a trust officer. She retired from the bank in 1985.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Carol) Nelson of Dunlap; and daughter, Sharon (Norman) Johnson of Glenview. Also surviving are grandchildren, Brian (Stephanie) Johnson of Northfield, David (Courtney) Johnson of Wildwood, Matthew Nelson of Peoria, and Sarah (James) Shields of Chicago. Surviving as well are great-grandchildren, Brett and Brad Johnson of Northfield. Also surviving is one sister Agnes Thulean of Peoria and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, husband, one brother Arthur Peterson who was killed in Belgium during WWII, and one infant granddaughter.

Memorials may be directed to the Covenant Children's Home and Family Services Garden Fund or to the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Cemetery Details

Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St
Princeton, IL 61356