



DORIS ELVA NEILSON SMITH

A life of service and dedication peacefully ended March 6, 2004 with the passing of Elva Neilson Smith, beloved wife of the late Morgan Walter Smith at the age of 89.

Cherishing her memory are her seven children, Arlen (Elsie Perrett) of Champion, Eldon (Carolyn Evanson) of Carmangay, Carol (Dennis Bullock) of Lethbridge, Richard (Beverly Selman) of Champion, Linda (Robert Slater) of Salt Lake City, Lorraine (Wes Balderson) of Magrath and Lorna (Kenneth Kyle) of Ottawa.

Elva was born May 9, 1914 in Taylorville, Alberta to Julius and Olga Neilson. Her husband Morgan Smith was the youngest son of Richard DeMont and Evaline Smith. Morgan's nine brothers and sisters and their spouses have all predeceased Elva. As the oldest of five children Elva was a leader in her family. She sewed and cooked and learned many skills on the farm. She graduated from the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City in 1936. Morgan and Elva were married in 1937 and farmed the Smith homestead west of Champion on the Fireguard Road. Winters were spent in Raymond, working at the Sugar Factory. They then moved to a farm near Carmangay on the Little Bow River. In 1945 they moved to their present farm in the Alston District, west of Champion, where she lived until the last three years, which were spent with her daughters.

In 1951, Elva was widowed at the age of 37, leaving her to raise seven children, under the age of 12 and a large farm to run. Through hard work and devotion to her faith and family she was an outstanding example to all who knew her. She was a wonderful mother and grandma with a posterity of 49 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren, who love her very much and will miss her greatly. She will also be missed by her loving sisters, Verna Forsyth, Mary Carlson (Jim) and sister-in-law Jane Neilson and is loved and remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Elva spent her life in serving others and giving to her children. She enjoyed living on the farm and was a gracious host to family and friends, always serving delicious food. She especially loved to quilt and all the homes of her children and grandchildren are graced with her beautiful quilts. Elva served faithfully in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is predeceased by her husband, Morgan, 4 grandchildren, her brothers, Ralph and Delbert, her sister-in-law May Neilson and brother-in-law Duane Forsyth.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2004 in Champion at THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. Interment in the Champion Cemetery.

Friends may meet the family at Christensen Salmon Funeral Home, 327-10 Street South, Lethbridge, on Friday, March 12, 2004 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., or prior to the funeral service from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday.

In living memory of Elva, a tree will be planted in the Lethbridge area by:

Christensen Salmon
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