

Ruth Tastad

The passing of Ruth Vahlborg Tastad (nee Bjelke) of Loreburn, Sask. occurred on Sunday, August 26, 1990 at Outlook Union Hospital.

Ruth was born in Diamond Valley, Alberta on April 27th, 1913. With the untimely death of her mother, she took on the responsibility of making a home for her father and brothers. On March 1, 1940 she married Peder Arthur Tastad of the Loreburn/Strongfield area where they have resided until the time of her passing. Ruth kept very busy with her family, church and community. She taught Sunday School, was church organist, sang in choirs, and conducted the Male Chorus at Skudesnes Lutheran Church. She was an active member of the W.M.F. and the E.L.W., a board member of the first Elbow Bible Camp. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Circle at Skudesnes Lutheran Church. She enjoyed quilt-making, gardening and entertaining her family and many friends.

Surviving are her husband, Peder of Loreburn; daughter, Kathleen (Angus) McGillivray of Newmarket, Ontario; sons, Richard (Leone) Tastad of Strongfield, Sask.; and Garth (Carol) Tastad of Saskatoon, Sask.; nine grandchildren, Peter and Margaret McGillivray, Tracie, Ryan, and Chad Tastad, and Kristan, Karen, Kirk and Sarah Tastad; a sister, Dora (Axel) Johanson of Red Deer, Alberta; a brother, Gunnar (Irene) Bjelke of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Bjelke of Edmonton, Alberta. She was predeceased by her parents, Gustaf and Lina Bjelke and four brothers, Carl, Andrew, Arther and Harold.

The funeral services were held at Skudesnes Lutheran Church, Loreburn, Sask. on Tuesday, August 28th, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Ken Wilsdon officiating. The organist was Mrs. Doris Akre, and soloist was Mrs. Helen Njaa who sang, "I Have a Friend". Hymn selections were, "Beautiful Saviour", "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Lift High the Cross". A special tribute was given by the Rev. Angus McGillivray on behalf of the family. Pallbearers were Dean Norrish, Ron Follick, Art Adams, Norman Langager, Ross Vollmer, and Les Langager. Ushers were Glen Vollmer, Art Vollmer, Roy Hagen, Owen Akre, and Hal Langager.

The interment was in the Skudesnes Cemetery. Arrangements were in care of the Outlook Funeral Chapel.

God bless her memory.