



Lothe, Ingeborg "Ingie"

POYNETTE/ SUN PRAIRIE - Ingeborg "Ingie" Lothe passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2005, after a brief illness. She was born on Sept. 16, 1915, in Columbia County, the daughter of Jens and Helga (Midthun) Viken. She was a graduate of East High School, Madison. On June 16, 1938, Ingeborg married Irvin E. Lothe. They first lived and worked on their family dairy farm near Sun Prairie, and later moved to rural Poynette in 1944, where they went into fur farming and then retired to the village of Poynette in 1972. Ingeborg worked as an active volunteer for more than 50 years in civic and community organizations for the betterment of mankind on the local, county, state and national levels. She was a member of the Poynette First Presbyterian Church, Poynette Women's Club, State and National Federation of Women's clubs (especially as National Conservation Chairwoman), Friends of MacKenzie Environmental Center and Lucky 13. She served as clerk of the Poynette Public School Board for 14 years, secretary of Columbia County Teacher's College and Columbia County Nursing Home, was a supervisor of the Columbia County Board for 14 years and Columbia County Board Chairman from 1988 to 1990, on the State Waste Facility Board and the State Forest Productivity Board, treasurer and Sunday school superintendent, officer in Women's Organization and Youth Activities of the Presbyterian Church, director of the Poynette Pioneer Places for 16 years, president of the Poynette Women's Club and state president of the Federation of Women's Clubs from 1970 to 1972, served 12 years on the board of directors of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, was a charter member president in 1978 and the director of the Friendship of MacKenzie Environmental Education Center for 15 years. She was given the GFWC-WI Woman of Achievement in 2000 and inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame in 2003. Her greatest joy was in her family, daughter, Jean; granddaughters, Kelley and Kellie; son-in-law, Bob; great-grandchildren, Justin, Joshua and Peyton; extended family and many friends. She was preceded by her husband, Irvin; brother, Mervin; and sister, Helen. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the BURKE LUTHERAN CEMETERY, 5720 Portage Road, Madison, to be followed by a memory gathering from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Prairie Gardens Assisted Living Home, 900 Okeeffe Ave., Sun Prairie (behind Wal-Mart).

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