 Elsie Kischer, age 98, of Spencer, Iowa and formerly of Albert City, Iowa died October 23, 2009 at Longhouse Residence Nursing Home in Spencer, Iowa.

Elsie Marie Hansen Kischer, daughter of Carl G. and Anna (Morck) Hansen, was born August 13, 1911, in Story County, Iowa. The family later moved, by train, to a farm Northeast of Ruthven, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of South Walnut, near Graettinger. She attended a rural one-room school through 8th grade. She then worked for a family for room and board to attend high school. She graduated from Ruthven High School in 1929 and attended the University of Commerce in Des Moines, Iowa. She then began working at the Ruthven Creamery.

Elsie married Roy James Johnson on January 5, 1935. To this union, a daughter Treva was born. They moved to Albert City in the early 1940's, where Elsie was employed by Superior Manufacturing. For 3 months she made artillery shells for the war effort. Then she moved to the office where she was the bookkeeper for 27 years. She worked from 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., 5 days a week, and Saturday mornings till noon. She received 1 week of vacation a year.



Roy Johnson passed away in 1954, following a long illness. Elsie married Roy Kischer, August 12, 1965. Following retirement, she was treasurer for St. John Lutheran Church, a member of the NW Aging Board, an election worker, and received The Governor's Volunteer Award in 1991. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, and Bible study. The highlight of her later years was a trip to Denmark with her sister, Doris and brother-in-law, Lester. They visited their cousins there and saw the church where their mother was baptized in 1886.

Elsie moved to Spencer, Iowa in 2002, where she resided at Sunset Apartments, and later Longhouse Nursing Home.

Even when things were difficult, she was the epitome of grace.

She is survived by her daughter, Treva Johnson of Spencer, Iowa; her grandson, Dr. Richard Johnson and his wife Maureen of Appleton, Wisconsin; her great-grandchildren: Jasmine, Julia, and Ross Johnson; many nieces and nephews; and the Romaine and Joyce Kischer family of Albert City, Iowa

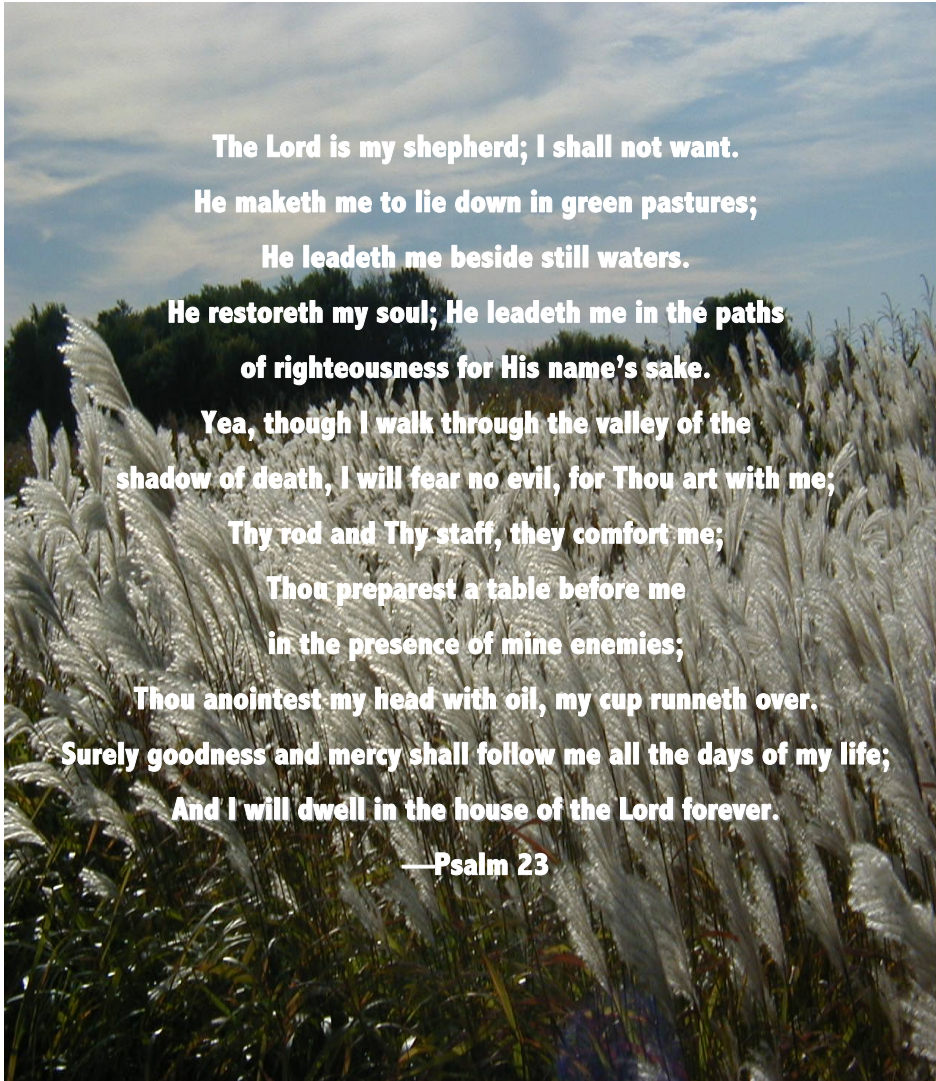
Elsie was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son; her brothers: Ray, Maynard, and Evertt Hansen; her sisters: Marilyn Hansen and Doris Hansen Zielstra; her husbands. Roy Johnson and Roy Kischer; her grandson, Randall Johnson; her nephew, Steve Hansen, and others.

Celebrating A Special Life



Elsie Kischer

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—Psalm 23

*W*e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch at the church immediately following the service.

 Elsie's Family

IN MEMORY OF

Elsie Kischer

August 13, 1911



October 23, 2009

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, October 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Spencer, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Scott Meier

ORGANIST

Jan Palm

SOLOIST

Mike Palm — "In This Very Room"

Onalee Wright — "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Beautiful Savior"

CASKET BEARERS

Charles Schany and Dr. Richard Johnson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jasmine, Julia, and Ross Johnson

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa



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