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## Esther Monger, 89

Esther (Sundhagen) Monger was born Nov. 2, 1912 to Jakob and Ann (Braaten) Sundhagen in a sod house on her parents' homestead in South Meadow Township of Williams County, N.D. where she and six brothers and sisters grew up and attended school.

She passed away April 11, 2002 at Life Care Center of Coeur d'Alene at 89.

On Aug. 11, 1934 she married Anton "Tony" Monger who was working on a thrashing crew in the area.

Their honeymoon took them to Naples, Id. where they bought their first farm.

Life was not easy, but they managed to enjoy their fruits of their labor.

They were blessed with three children who survive them; Deloris Christopher of Veradale, Wash., Roger Monger of Greer, Id. and Arlene Gamalieson of Post Falls, Id. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, her only living sister, Helen, of Ray, N.D. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tony and Esther lived in several areas including the Continental Mine, Paradise Valley and District 5 in Boundary County before moving to the Hayden Lake area in 1957.

Esther loved to cook and pursued this love at several nursing homes in the area.

She was the head cook at Sunset Terrace for several years and loved to cook large dinners for family and friends.

She and Tony were members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at Yates Funeral Home, Hayden Chapel with Eric Ranum officiating.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, we ask that you take your spouse or friend out for dinner, knowing that Tony and Esther are finally together, along with lots of family members and friends who were waiting for them.