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## Elsie Martens, 914 June 18, 1916 - June 23, 2007

VALLEY, NE — Elsie M. Martens, was born June 18, 1916, in Portsmouth to Hans and Emma Dohrmann Martens. She graduated from Shelby Consolidated High School in 1934. She was employed at First National Bank in Omaha until her retirement. She was a member of Pacific Hills Lutheran Church in Omaha. She died June 23, 2007, at Beverly Living Center, Valley, NE at age 91.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, Hans and Emma Martens; sisters, Olga Wolff and Viola Kapfer; and brother, Alvin Martens. She is survived by her sisters, Vel-

ma Martens of Valley, NE; Ellen Blumer (Melvin) and Jane Steenbock (Elven) all of Persia; sister-in-law, Dorothy Martens of Minden; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 27, 2007, at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE with the Rev. Dr. William G. Moorhead officiating. Casket bearers were Gerald Wolff, Mark Kapfer, Dan Martens, Jim Martens, Greg Steenbock, and Kevin Schrader. Burial was at the Shelby Cemetery. Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler West Center Chapel, Omaha, NE in charge of arrangements.