

## Lillie Matthiessen, 101 ✓

*March 21, 1905 - March 22, 2006*

**SHELBY** — Lillie Leona Martens Matthiessen, the daughter of Max and Anna Dreier Martens, was born March 21, 1905, west of Portsmouth in Cass Township in Harrison County. She was the second daughter in a family of five sons and three daughters, two small brothers dying in infancy. In 1910 the family moved two miles north of Persia living first in a log cabin, which is now at the Shelby County Museum. In 1915 they moved into the home they built which is now the Elven Steenbock home. Lillie was baptized May 7, 1905 and confirmed April 11, 1920 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia. She attended the Lelands Grove School.



Lillie married P.W. (William) Matthiessen Nov. 30, 1922, at the home of her parents and the couple lived near Persia. They were the parents of two children, Anna Maxine Oloff and Reverend Donald Matthiessen. In 1946 they moved to the Shelby area and in March 1952, William died. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia. She became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling in February 1998. She died at the nursing home March 22, 2006, at age 101 and one day.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter, Maxine Oloff in 2002; and her brothers and sisters, Harry (1971), Walter (1968), Raymond (1973), Alice Kilgore (1952) and Verna Otto (1970). She is survived by her son, Rev. Donald Matthiessen (Rosemary) of Sterling, IL; six grandchildren, Kathryn (Wesley) Ruggles of Persia; Karen Oloff of Portsmouth; William Oloff (Yvette) of Persia; George Matthiessen of Clovis, NM; Robert Matthiessen of Sterling, IL and Amy Morrison (James) of Tarzana, CA; six great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kolt Thomas, Joel Ruggles, Dustin Laver, Andrew Oloff and Billi Oloff, all of Persia; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 27, 2006, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia, with Pastor Merlene Ostebee officiating. Burial was held in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia, with Andrew Oloff, George Matthiessen, Joel Ruggles, William Oloff, Robert Matthiessen, Wesley Ruggles, Dustin Laver and Kolt Thomas casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.