

Mrs. Emilie Grupe, whose 100th birthday Nov. 6, was a milestone in an active life centering in the Elgin area, died Wednesday in the Lutheran Home for the aged, Arlington Heights. For 32 years preceding her retirement at 82, she was employed at Sherman Hospital. She had previously worked at Elgin National Watch Co. and Chicago Junior School. Born at Keeneyville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geistfeld, she was married at 19 to Edgar Grupe. He died in 1895. As a widow with six children, she came to reside in Elgin. She entered the Lutheran Home in 1957. Prior to that, she resided with a daughter, the late Mrs. Herman Stumme, on Park Street. Surviving are two sons, Victor L. and Richard H. Grupe; 15 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and 17 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Mrs. Ludmilla Stumme and Miss Fay Grupe, and two sons, Walter and Edgar. Funeral services will be conducted at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights at 2 Friday by the Rev. John M. Kempf. Burial will be in Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin.