

Truman – Services for Hilda Wilke, 93, of Truman are scheduled for 11 am Thursday, Aug. 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman. Burial is in Ridgelawn Memorial Park in rural Truman. Mrs. Wilke died Monday, Aug. 1, 1994, at Watonwon Memorial Hospital in St. James. Visitation is 5-8 pm Wednesday, Aug 3, at Olson Funeral Home in Truman and one hour prior to services at the church. She was born March 14, 1901, near Roselle, Ill., daughter of Ernst and Louise (Lichthardt) Geistfeld. She attended school in Rodenburg Township in Illinois and at South Branch Parochial School in Minnesota. She moved to South Branch with her family Oct 29, 1912. She married Walter Wilke on Mar 27, 1921, in Feldon Township. They farmed in Antrim Township, Watonwon County, retiring in 1948 and moving into Truman. Mr. Wilke died Sept 11, 1978. She continued to live in Truman. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, active in The Ladies Aid and Charity Club, and made more than 600 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Survivors include: two daughters, Verna Jennings of Burnsville, Edna Thayer and husband David, of Elystan; one daughter-in-law, Wanda Wilke of Lewisville; one son-in-law, Cap Hansen of St. Paul; 15 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; three brothers, Edwin Geistfeld, Victor Geistfeld and wife, Viola, all of Truman, Emil Geistfeld and wife, Carmen, of Mankato; one brother-in-law, Fred Wilke and wife, Ardis, of Janhesville; two sisters-in-law, Mina Wike of Truman, Esther Wilke of LeSueur; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter, three sons, one great-grandson, one son-in-law, four brothers and two sisters.