

Mae Bruner Klaseen  
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Services for Mae Bruner Klaseen, 92, who died in Weiser, Idaho, April 3, 1989, were held Friday, April 7, 1989, at 2 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Wheatland with Reverend Susan Denker officiating.

Born in Decatur County, Iowa, March 2, 1897, she was the daughter of Fred T. and Patience Elmira (John) Bruner. She grew up in Decatur and Plankinton, S.D. She moved with her family to Wheatland on Jan. 13, 1919.

She studied dressmaking and was a dressmaker for a short time. She worked the family farm with her family, then went to work for the Co-op store, working there for 10 years managing the dry goods section. She later worked for the United Store before assuming management of a dress store which she later purchased and turned into a combination dress shop and beauty shop.

She started the first school lunch program which she operated from her home.

She retired in 1955 to marry Albin Klaseen, who died in September of 1972. She lived in Wheatland until moving to Weiser in 1983.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school, and was a leader in the Eperoth League. She was also a member of the Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 16 of Wheatland. She enjoyed her family and friends, traveling, fishing and rock collecting.

Survivors include nephews John R. VanAuken of Ontario, Ore., and Robert D. Van Auken of Huntington, Ore., nieces Ruth James of Hermiston, Ore., Erma Mae Thome of Milwaukie, Ore., Margaret Dallman of Johnson City, Ore., Blanche Fisher of Stanfield, Ore., and 31 great nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, brother George W. Bruner, sister Edna Bruner VanAuken and two nephews.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the United Methodist Church.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery with John Thalken, Lee Johnson, Laurence Swallow, Sam Wright, John Labertew and John Jobe serving as pallbearers.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.