

Winifred Dalen Ketcham

Winifred Dalen Ketcham, 91, of Ivy Bend, Mo., formerly Franklin, went to be with Jesus on Friday, June 6, four days after her 91st birthday.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Allan Dalen in 1984, and Edwin Ketcham in 1996; and an infant daughter, Leonne Dalen.

She is survived by four children, Charlotte Gaden and family of Missouri, John and Matthew Dalen and their families of New York, and Andrea Tallent of Franklin; a grandson, Jonathan Tallent and wife Jessica; a nephew, Richard Snyder and wife Marie; and a number of other family members around the country.

She loved the Lord and trusted him through many difficult times in her life. She was a very giving and forgiving woman of God, often talking to Jesus as if he were next to her. Winifred and Allan Dalen were charter members and instrumental in starting the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Sylva, then the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Franklin. All her life, she supported the American Bible Society so that every person could read a Bible as she did.

She was a lifetime member of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, and with Allen, helped remodel the old jail into the Gem and Mineral Museum. Winifred was the curator of the museum for many years and editor of The Mountain Gem. She attended college at age 70 to study geology, and visited the local schools to lecture on minerals.

Services were held in Missouri.

Memorials may be made to the Resurrection Lutheran Church or the Gem and Mineral Museum of Franklin.

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