

ELVIR KATHLEEN AUSTIN OBITUARY

December 20, 1920 - January 10, 2004

MEDFORD - Elvir Kathleen Austin, 83, of Medford, died January 10, 2004. Elvir was born December 20, 1920 in Wood Lake, Nebraska to Glenn and Edith (McNare) Bidgood. She graduated from college in Prosser, Wash. in 1942 and started teaching school in Port Townsend. Elvir married a soldier from Fort Worden named Chester O. Austin on January 15, 1943. Elvir and Chet lived in Salem for many years and raised four children. With a love of gardening, they grew acres of vegetables, fruit and berries. Elvir worked most of her career for the Salem-Keizer school district as a teacher and librarian. She moved to Medford in 1994. She enjoyed gardening, family history, genealogy and calligraphy.

Elvir was preceded in death by her husband, Chet; sister, Glenna Beryl Abrams and brother, Wesley Craig Bidgood. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Austin of Medford; sons, Lawrence Austin and Roger Austin of Salem; and James Austin of Royse City, Texas; and their children and grandchildren.

Elvir was a wonderful person who will be missed by her family and friends. A private memorial service is to be held in Salem. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem.

Reference:

Statesman-Journal, Salem Oregon, 14 January 2004