

# Argiene O. Gjerde

Helix

April 18, 1921-January 27, 2012

Argiene O. Gjerde, 90 years old, of Helix died Friday, January 27, 2012, at home of congestive heart failure. Disposition was by cremation.

Argiene O. Krupp was born in Elmore, Minn., on April 18, 1921, to Albert and Elsa Krupp. She was the youngest of three kids.

On October 4, 1940, she married high school classmate Selmer "Sam" Gjerde. They farmed in Iowa and Minnesota until 1947, when they moved to Pendleton. In 1958 they purchased the Helix Locker Store, which they owned for 26 years until retirement in 1984. Argiene and Sam were married for 61 years until he passed away December 2, 2001.

She served on the Helix Library Board and helped put together the History Room adjacent to the li-

brary. She enjoyed sewing, skiing and decorating for each holiday.

Argiene was predeceased by her husband Sam, her oldest son Denton, twin babies at birth, her brother Fritz Krupp and her parents.

Argiene is survived by a son, Delmer Gjerde; daughter Ren (Kent) Brown; granddaughter Erin (James) Storm and grandson Adam (Heather) Brown; and great-grandkids Katelyn and James Storm. She is also survived by her 95-year-old



Gjerde

sister, Lielah Franke.

A joint graveside memorial service for Selmer and Argiene Gjerde will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Remembrances may be made to the Helix Library or to a charity of choice.

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musician's website at [www.aprilverch.com](http://www.aprilverch.com).



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**April Verch, a Canadian grand master fiddle champion, will perform Tuesday at Pendleton Center for the Arts.**

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