



Idella Elizabeth Gaibler

December 16, 1919 - February 6, 2025

Idella Elizabeth (Wohlgemuth) Gaibler received her long-coveted Angel Wings in the early hours of Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the age of 105 years, 1 month, and 21 days. She was surrounded by her loving family as she quietly rose up to join her heavenly family. She lived a long and blessed life filled with faith, family, and music.

Born on a snowy Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in her grandparents' home one mile east of Sherwood, Oregon, Idella was the second child of Dan and Emma (Gohl) Wohlgemuth of Newberg. Her childhood started in a log cabin on the family farm in the Fernwood area outside of Newberg. She was baptized on February 1, 1920, at Zion Lutheran Church in Newberg, a church founded by her ancestors and the cornerstone of her lifelong devotion. Her deep faith guided her throughout her life, shaping her character and inspiring her service to others.

Idella's musical journey began at age eight when she learned to play the piano. At around age 10, the church found itself in need of a pianist for weekly worship services. Her father dutifully sent Idella. She remembers the difficulty she had because the lyrics were written in German ... and she didn't speak German. She had a hard time following the congregational singing. Her musical talents were displayed over the next 50+ years as she transitioned from pianist to organist to choir director.

Graduating from Newberg High School in 1937, Idella worked at the old Springbrook Cannery and the Yamhill Electric Company in Sheridan (Oregon) and Newberg (this company later became Portland General Electric.

On October 6, 1946, Idella married the love of her life, Albert Gaibler. They made their home in Newberg before moving to a small farm on Tangen Road west of Newberg. Together they built a life in Newberg operating a Standard Oil distributorship until their retirement in 1979. They cherished their time camping, fishing, and playing cards with friends. Their quiet life was rich in love and companionship. Following retirement, Al and Idella embarked on extensive travels, visiting Alaska, Israel, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Australia, and New Zealand.

Idella's quiet strength and unwavering faith were evident in her active participation in her church ladies' group, Bible study, and quilting. After Albert's passing in 2006, she moved to Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, where she resided until her death.

Idella spoke often of the deep blessings in her life, cherishing the love of three families: her own, Alberts family, and her church family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Albert (2006); her brother Delmer (2002); her sister Margery Brash (2008); and sister Rosalie Gano (2022). She is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families – all touched by her loving presence and enduring spirit. She was loved by everyone who knew her.

Idella's life is a testament to faith, family, and a life well-lived. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her.

The family will be having a private graveside service at Valley View Cemetery

Saturday morning, February 22nd, with a memorial service to follow at 1pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Newberg. A luncheon will follow this service.

Memorial contributions may be made in Idella's name to:

Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 301 S. River Street, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

24235 NE Dayton Avenue
Newberg, OR 97132

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel
207 N Villa Rd
Newberg, OR 97132
(503) 538-2191
info@attrells.com
<https://www.attrells.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 22. 1:00 PM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Church
301 S River St
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall



“ *Carmen Kempf (Henneman) lit a candle in memory of Idella Elizabeth Gaibler* ”



Carmen Kempf (Henneman) - February 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM