

Gertrude Johansen, 93, dies

Pioneer Alaskan Gertrude Larsen Johansen died Oct. 17, 1986, at the Napa Nursing Center in Napa, Calif. She was 93.

Born in Molde, Norway, April 10, 1893, she married Einar Klabo Johansen, also of Norway, in Seattle in 1915. They moved to Alaska where they lived for 50 years.

The couple fished commercially out of Petersburg and operated a fish cannery in Kodiak. In 1917, they moved to Nome to operate a tugboat company and, in 1935, began mining gold.

Mrs. Johansen, whose husband died in

1981, is survived by one sister, Berit Hagen of Molde; three daughters, Ruth "Toddy" Ludwig of Portland, Ore., Gertrude Braund of Anchorage and Joann Kershaw of Winnetka, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, including Susan Braund-Clark, Stephen and Gregory Braund and Juli Braund-Allen of Anchorage; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her ashes will be scattered with those of her husband in Alaska.