

Rachel Haire Dye, 89

Memorial services for Rachel Haire Dye, Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Putney, SD, will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 at Groton Union Cemetery, with Father David Janes officiating. Inurnment will follow, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. She died August 30, 2005 in Tucson, Ariz.

Rachel Haire was born April 11, 1916 in Putney to Robert J. and Mabel (Sieh) Haire. She grew up in Putney and graduated from Groton High School. Rachel then attended Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, and taught in Huffton. She returned to Northern to obtain her degree and later moved to Santa Fe, NM, to teach. Rachel enlisted in the US Marine Corps Women's Reserve in March of 1943. She served as the first woman Marine to be posted at Camp Elliott in San Diego, Calif., and was commissioned 2nd Lt. in March of 1944. After her discharge in November of 1945, she married Col. C.C. Dye, October 6, 1945 in Washington, DC.

She is survived by her husband, Col Ret C.C. Dye; her daughter; Angela (Dye) and Robert Mather, Phoenix, Ariz.; her sister, Angela Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.; her neice, Kathryn (Tom) Rucinsky, St. Louis, Mo., and nephew, Thomas (Teresa) Matthews, Beulah, Wyo.

Preceding her in death were her parents and brother, Robert.

Family prefers memorials directed to Union Cemetery, 209 N. Main S., Groton, SD 57445 or to the charity of your choice.