

Hattie June Gesling



Hattie June Gesling, 86, Aberdeen, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen. Her funeral service will be Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Miller-Huebl Funeral Home, Aberdeen, with the Rev. Richard Riedel officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to the time of the service.

Hattie June Sieber was born June 24, 1916 to William F. and Leona (Melcher) Sieber at Aberdeen. The family lived near Columbia where she attended rural school. She attended Central High School in Aberdeen and graduated with the Class of 1934.

She married Ira D. Gesling on September 14, 1935 at Aberdeen. They made their first home in the Columbia area and later moved to Sperry, IA. They returned to South Dakota in 1945 and farmed in the Columbia area. She operated the Coffee Cup Café in Columbia until 1962. The family moved to Aberdeen in 1967. Hattie was employed at St. Luke's Hospital as a nurse's aide until the time of her retirement in 1984. Ira died on June 18, 1988 and Hattie continued to make Aberdeen her home until the time of her death.

She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Aberdeen and was active in the Foster Grandparents Program as a teacher's aide for many years.

Survivors include one son, Marshall "Mick" (Lavonne) Gesling, Harrisburg; one daughter, Joan (Harlow) Howe, Mitchell; one sister, Hilda Erickson, Wyoming; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers, three sisters in infancy and one grandson.

Casket bearers will be Hattie's grandchildren: Keith Howe, Shelley Freeman, Jill Atherton, Todd Gesling, Chris Gesling and Jon Gesling.