

Price Funeral Chapel

DeLores Elaine Henehan

(December 6, 1920 - December 27, 2013)

Britton, SD: The funeral for DeLores Henehan will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the First Lutheran Church of Britton with Rev. Terrill Sorensen officiating. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery of Groton.

Closed-casket visitation will be 3-5:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Price Funeral Chapel, Britton.

DeLores died Friday, December 27, 2013 at Marshall County Healthcare Center in Britton at the age of 93.



DeLores Elaine Hinrichs was born December 6, 1920 at Claremont, SD, the only child of Henry and Clara Pearl (Boe) Hinrichs. She started school at the age of five, graduating from Claremont High School at 16. She received a B.A. Degree in Speech and Biology from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN at age 20 in 1941.

On September 1, 1941 DeLores married Robert Kenneth Bohle at the Methodist church in Aberdeen. He joined the Army Air Corp, and was killed August 3, 1944, leaving DeLores a widow and lone parent of their child.

DeLores taught two years in Claremont before going back to school herself. She attended Northwestern University in Evanston, IL earning a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. She then worked as a school counselor for junior and senior high school girls at a school in Barrington, IL.

DeLores eventually returned to Claremont. On July 7, 1951 she married Ulic Martin Henehan, Jr. at her parent's house in Claremont. The family grew to welcome three sons and two more daughters. DeLores and Ulic lived all of their married life in Britton, maintaining farming businesses in the Claremont and Britton areas. Ulic died March 14, 1989. DeLores stayed in Britton and managed their business.

DeLores was a longtime member of the First Lutheran Church of Britton where she served as the first female council president, a Sunday School teacher, hosted a monthly Bible study at the nursing home and arranged special music for summer

services. She was a member of Chapter BG of the International PEO since 1953. DeLores served for 22 years as secretary on the board of directors for the Brown County Farmer's Elevator in Claremont. In 2001, DeLores was honored as a Distinguished Alumni of St. Olaf College. DeLores was an avid bridge player, enjoyed sporting events and was a patron of the arts.

She served on the Britton School Board during the building of the new high school and the Marshall County Board of Education during the reorganization of the country schools.

Her 10 years as Mayor of Britton brought many changes, including establishing a revolving community development fund, grants for airport renovation and sewer repair, the completion of "Centennial Park" and tennis courts. She also was the secretary of the Britton Housing and Redevelopment Commission; under whose guidance the first handicapped friendly apartments were built in Britton.

History was always of great importance to DeLores. She was a member of the Marshall County Historical Society, and had served as president for 18 years. DeLores was also appointed by the governor to serve on the Fort Sisseton Commission. Perhaps the only thing to rival her interest in the past was her vision for the future. She was instrumental in developing a recycling program, and as "Britton's Bag Lady," she could be seen every morning picking up trash to keep her city beautiful. She has served on the board of directors for the Britton Area Foundation since its inception, and her philanthropic nature has been an inspiration to many. DeLores was a true champion for all things Britton, Claremont, Marshall County and South Dakota.

DeLores is survived by five of her children: Barbara Lynn "Bobbie" Kuske of Britton; Ulic Martin Henehan III (Rosanne Miller) of Britton; Theresa Siobhan Henehan of Sioux Falls, SD; Brian Hinrichs (Shelli) Henehan of Ft. Smith, AR; Burke Schuyler Henehan; son-in-law Robert "Rob" Parrow of Britton; and four grandchildren: Sean Parrow, Dustin Ochsner, Schuyler Henehan and Tristan Henehan.

Preceding her in death were her parents, both husbands, her daughter, Patricia Anne "Patty" Parrow, and a son-in-law, James "Jim" Kuske.

Memorials may be directed to the Britton Area Foundation - Box 415 - Britton, SD 57430; First Lutheran Church - Box 150 - Britton, SD 57430; or Ft. Sisseton - 11907 434th Avenue - Lake City, SD 57247.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Barbara Kuske - P. O. Box 128 - Britton, SD 57430.

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