

February 24, 2003

Hazel Hite



- Hazel Hite, 87, of Groton died February 20th at Avera St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen. Her funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, February 24, 2003, at United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Grant Piehl will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Hazel Eileen was born on August 20, 1915 in Butler, SD. She was the oldest of four children born to Harry and Jane (Ahern) Ives. Hazel attended Bates 26-6 country school and graduated from Andover High School. She married Erwin Hite on September 7, 1937 at Webster, SD. The couple farmed near Verdon until 1995 when they moved to Groton. Hazel resided at Beverly Healthcare Center in Groton from November 2002 until the time of her death.

- Hazel was a member of the United Methodist Church in Groton. She was a fifty-year member of Pleasure and Profit extension club where she held all of the club offices.
- Hazel was a accomplished seamstress and she made most of her own clothing and a lot of clothes for her family. She loved to sew and work with all kinds of crafts, including string art, Rosemaling and crochet. She was a regular Brown County Fair exhibitor where she won many ribbons. Hazel also exhibited at the State Fair where she won the Silver Tray Award for Best of Show. She crocheted a number of afghans and made several quilts. Hazel did a great deal of genealogy work on both sides of her family. She loved cats and always had at least one pet kitty around.
- Preceding her in death were here parents, two brothers and one sister.
- Survivors include her husband, Erwin, and children Larry (Beverly) Hite of Dallas, Texas, Don (Josephine) Hite of Prosper, Texas, Shirley (William) Searuggs of Aurora, Colorado, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.
- Casketbearers will be Randy Tewksbury, Douglas Hite, Harlow Dobberpuhl, Kelvin Hite, Kent Hite and Richard Smith.

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