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Mae E. Kelly, 88

Mae E. Kelly, 88, Claremont, died Saturday, May 14, 1994 at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen.

Her funeral was Tuesday, May 17, 1994 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont, with the Rev. James Cissell officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Mae E. Kelly was born February 15, 1906 to William and Hannah (Creighton) Kelly at Claremont. She grew up in the Claremont area and graduated from Claremont High School. She graduated from Dakota Wesleyan College, Mitchell in 1928. She received her master's degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She taught school in Virgil, Lennox, Beresford and Huron. In 1938 and 1939, she was an exchange teacher in Birmingham, England. She wrote a book called "Adventures of an Exchange Teacher." She returned to the United States and taught school in Fairfield, Conn., for 33 years.



She traveled extensively, visiting every country in Europe. She also traveled to South America, Africa, Mexico, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii. She retired from teaching in 1974 and returned to Claremont, where she had since resided. She received an honorary doctorate from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1978. During her lifetime she accumulated an extensive owl collection, which she donated to DWU.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Claremont, and the National League of American Pen Women, Inc.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Annabel Kludt, Claremont, and Mrs Ruth Naudain, Huntington Station, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

Honorary casketbearers were nieces and nephews, H.A. Kelly, Maribeth Kelly, Dale Kurth, Doreen Lang, Eunice McColister, Janice Pappal and Craig Naudain.

Casketbearers were Steve Culter, Bernard Hanse, Don Hinrichs, Terry Olson, Steve Stanley and Ron Wegleitner.

Organist was Joan Thompson and pianist was Yvonne Gibbs. Kathryn Cutler, Joan Thompson and Yvonne Gibbs sang as a trio.