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*Marvel
Dorothy
(VanRiper)
Menninga*

The funeral for Marvel Menninga, 88, St. Cloud, Minn., was held January 19 at the First Presbyterian Church in Saint Cloud, Minn. She died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1996.

Marvel VanRiper was born July 24, 1907, near Groton, S.D., to Frank and Katie (Koch) VanRiper. She was the eldest daughter in a family of eight children. She attended schools in the Groton area and graduated from Groton High School in 1925. She attended Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen, S.D. and received a teaching certificate. She taught for seven years at schools in northeastern South Dakota.

She married Fred T. Menninga, principal of the school at Amherst, S.D. on December 25, 1932. They lived in several towns in South Dakota, as well as Winnebago and Princeton, Minn., before moving to Saint Cloud in 1949 where Fred joined the faculty at St. Cloud State University. Marvel graduated from St. Cloud State in 1954 with a BS in Education, and she was an elementary teacher for about 15 years for the Saint Cloud Public School District. She and Fred both retired from teaching in 1973. Marvel was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, P.E.O. Chapter DT, ST. Cloud State Faculty Wives, and retired teacher organizations.

Marvel was preceded in death by her parents, infant twin daughters, three brothers, three sisters, and her husband, Fred. She is survived by one daughter, Marilyn Menninga, Buffalo, Minn.; one sister, Lorraine Roth, Milwaukie, Ore.; 17 nieces and nephews, and by many loving friends.