

March 13, 2003

## **Hazel Neff**

- Hazel Neff, 86, of Groton died Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Beverly Healthcare Center in Groton. Services will be 11:00 am on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton. Rev. Terry Kenny will officiate. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Columbia, under the direction of Paetzick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel on Thursday from 2-8pm. There will be an hour of visitation prior to the service on Friday.
- Hazel Marie was born on July 25, 1916 in Burnstad, ND to Milo and Victoria (Neuman) Kimball. When she was a young girl, her family moved to farms by Barnard, SD and Houghton, SD. She attended rural elementary school near Houghton and was a graduate of Hecla High School.
- On June 18, 1938, Hazel married Robert Neff in Ipswich, SD. They farmed near Claremont and a year later moved to a farm near Houghton where they lived until Robert's death in 1977. Hazel then moved to Groton, living in an apartment and later Rosewood Court. Due to declining health, she moved to the Eastern Star Home at Redfield, SD. After suffering a stroke, she entered Beverly Healthcare in Groton in order to be closer to her family.
- Hazel loved to travel and visited almost every state in the United States. She also toured Europe and went to the Holy Land. When she lived on the farm she especially enjoyed the spring calving season. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Groton, The Shelby Friendship Club, the Groton Garden Club, and Order of the Eastern Star Diana Chapter of Groton.
- She is survived by her son, Edward (Janet) Neff of Claremont, two daughters, Marilyn Thoreson of Aberdeen and Sandra Tullis of Groton, two brothers, Ivan Kimball of Aberdeen and William Kimball of Green Bay, Wisconsin, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.
- She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.
- Casketbearers will be her grandsons.

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