

March 25, 2003

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Stella Nehls, 99, of Groton died March 22nd at Beverly Healthcare, Groton. Her funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Ferney, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel from 2-8 p.m. on Tuesday with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitation continues at the church for one hour on Wednesday prior to the service.

Stella Marie Simpson was born on September 9, 1903 to John and Myrtle (Lewis) Simpson in Iowa. The family moved to South Dakota when she was three years old. They farmed in the Ferney area. Stella married John H. Nehls on August 28, 1919 in Aberdeen. They farmed for thirty years before moving to Groton in 1949.

Stella was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Groton. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and great-great-great-grandmother.

Grateful for having shared her life are her two sons; Richard (Helen) Nehls of Pierpont, SD, Lester (Pat) Nehls of Fort Wayne, Indiana, two daughters; Florence Schaller of Phoenix, Arizona, Joyce (Morris) Bawek of Conde, SD, one brother, Roy (Madlyn) Simpson of Prosser, Washington, 17 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 6 step-great-grandchildren, 18 great-great grandchildren, 26 step-great-great-grandchildren and two great-great-great-grandsons.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, three brothers, one granddaughter, one grandson and one great-grandson.

Casketbearers will be Barry Bawek, Don Bawek, Gary Nehls, Billy Schaller, Eddie Nehls, and Mike Nehls.



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