

November 1, 2006

## **Mildred 'Millie' F. Penry**

- Claremont, SD-Memorial services for Mildred 'Millie' F. Penry, 73, of Claremont will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the United Methodist Church in Claremont. The Rev. Ryan Mutzenberger will officiate.
- She died Sunday, October 29, 2006 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.
- Mildred 'Millie' F. Tompkins, daughter of Virgil and Wynelle (Lewis) Tompkins was born August 21, 1933 in Palo Pinto, Texas. She grew up and graduated from high school in Mineral Wells, Texas. She was united in marriage to Clyde 'Pete' Penry on April 7, 1950 in Mineral Wells.
- After becoming a helicopter flight instructor, Millie and Pete traveled extensively throughout the world doing work related to aviation. They spent seven years in Iran during the 1970's training the Iranians on how to fly helicopters. She retired from that field in 1980 and returned to the United States. She then held several different jobs including a mail carrier and managed a restaurant. They made their home in Claremont, SD for the past ten years.
- She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Survivors include her husband of Claremont, two sons, Michael Penry and Darin (Debbie) Penry both of Claremont, one daughter Patti Fran Clay of Mineral Wells, Texas, three grandsons and one great grandson.
- Her parents and one infant daughter Deborah Layne preceded her in death.
- In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the United Methodist Church in Claremont at 201 6<sup>th</sup> St Claremont, SD 57432 or the Claremont Volunteer Fire Department in Millie's memory.
- Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory of Aberdeen have been entrusted with arrangements.

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