

November 1, 2006

Hazel (Burke) Peterson, 92, of Strasburg, N.D.



- Hazel (Burke) Peterson, 92, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at the Linton Hospital Hospice in Linton.

- Hazel Mary Seaton was born July 29, 1914, in Pierre, S.D., to Edward and Minnie (Miles) Seaton. The family moved to Owanka, S.D., when Hazel was 4. She graduated from Owanka High School in 1932 and married Gerald Ellsworth Burke of Buffalo, Wyo., in 1934. Gerry was a section foreman on the C&NW Railway, and the family lived in Owanka, Salem, Iroquois, Groton, Pierre and Carthage. Hazel cared for her invalid mother for many years until Minnie's death in 1963. Gerry died in 1965. Hazel graduated from the Northwest College of Commerce in Huron in 1966, where she served as a dormitory "mother" for the college. She was a clerk at the Holiday Inn in Pierre and later a clerk at the S.D. Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1970, she married Leonard Peterson, and the couple lived in Groton where Hazel was the legal secretary for the

Kolker Law Office. She worked until she was 78. Leo died in 1976.

- Hazel enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. She was a 60-year member of the Rebekah Lodge, a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and was active in Extension, bridge and other clubs in Groton.

- She entered the Strasburg Care Center in Strasburg in 1999.

- Survivors include her two sons and their wives, Edward and Karen Burke of Watertown, S.D., and Allan and Leah Burke of Linton; two grandsons, Gerry Burke of Mankato, Minn., and Frederick Burke of Linton; three granddaughters, Kellie (Jim) Christensen and Kelsie Burke of Watertown, S.D., and Margaret Burke of Linton; two great-granddaughters, Maercedes and Lexus Christensen of Watertown, one great-grandson Alex, and a niece, Deanna Carleton of Centennial, Colo. She is also survived by two stepsons, Laurel (Sharon) Peterson of Peoria, Ill., and Dale Peterson of Scotts Valley, Calif.; four step-grandchildren, Michael (Michelle) Peterson of Waterford, Mich., Susan (Daniel) Higgins of Manhattan, Kan., and Jewel (Dave) Cappio and Joshua Peterson, all of Phoenix, Ariz., and six step-great-grandchildren, Lucas, Zachary and Angela Peterson of Waterford, Mich., and Eric, Seth and Grace Higgins of Manhattan, Kan.

- Hazel was preceded in death by her husbands; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Leona Seaton, and step-son, Lane Peterson.

- A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, at the United Church of Christ in Carthage, S.D., with the Rev. Richard Poppen officiating. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery, Carthage, S.D., under the direction of Myers Funeral Home of Linton.

- Memorials may be sent to: Hazel's Charities, PO Box 38, Linton, ND 58552-0038.