

December 15, 2009

## The Life of Hazel Sundberg

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- Hazel died December 12, 2009 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.
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- Hazel was also a woman of the Earth. She loved to farm and she loved to garden. Hazel was a wonderful farm wife who took lunches to the field in her little white convertible delivering fresh pies, and tasty casseroles. And she was good at farm management. After her husband Carl died, she took over the extensive and diversified farming operation and ran it efficiently with aplomb.
- Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Carl Sundberg and two brothers, Lorenz and Clifford Reylets.
- She is survived by her son, Charles and his wife Teresa Sundberg and their daughters, Brianna and Nicole all of Hawaii, her sister Bernice (Kelley) Swanson of Aberdeen, her sister-in-law Gladys Reylets of Britton, several nieces and many friends. We have all been the beneficiaries of Hazel Sundberg!

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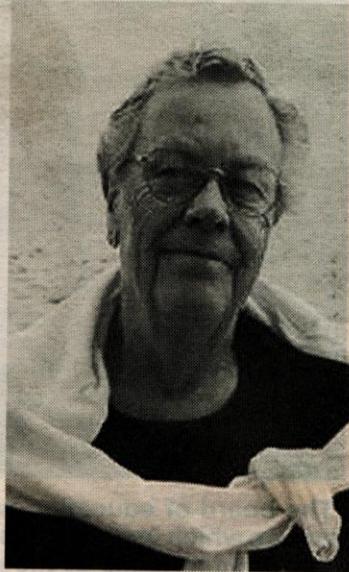
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