

April 22, 2006

Dorothy Sundermeyer

- Dorothy Sundermeyer, 84, died Thursday, April 20, 2006 at Heritage Village apartments, Webster.
- Her funeral will be 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, with the Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial will follow in the Andover Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.
- Dorothy Jeanette Helmer was born October 26, 1921 to Henry and Mabel (Wilmsen) Helmer, rural Groton. After the family moved to Day County, she attended school through the 8th grade at Scotland Township School District #218-219. During her last year there, she became the Day County Spell



ing Champion. She attended her freshman and sophomore year of high school at Webster High School. She transferred to Andover High School for her junior and senior year, graduating in 1939. She attended Northern State Teacher's College, Aberdeen. She was a member of the Beau Arts Club while at college. After one year, she earned her teacher's certificate. She taught in country schools for four years, first at Roslyn, then at the Kroll School, north of Andover.

- At this time, Dorothy met and married William T. Sundermeyer, May 5, 1945, at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. They made their home on the Sundermeyer homestead. They built a new home in 1957. Together they owned and operated a Gambles Store in Andover, 1960-1965. After retiring from farming in 1984, they moved to a rural Conde home, before moving to Andover in 1991. Bill died December 30, 2004.

- Dorothy was a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, where she was baptized and confirmed. She taught Sunday school and was a member of Ladies Aid. She was a member for about 20 years of the Pleasure and Profit Extension Club. Dorothy loved her family, church, music, nature, gardening, pheasants and deer on a snowy yard, reading and poetry. She especially doted on her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

- Grateful for sharing her life are three sons, Daryl (Kathy) Sundermeyer, Andover; William R. Sundermeyer, Andover, and Gary Sundermeyer, Aberdeen; three grandchildren, Marc Sundermeyer, Montrose; Michele (Dale) Kramer, Groton, and Marisa Sundermeyer, Andover; two great grandchildren, Gabrielle and Ava Kramer, Groton; three brothers; Richard (Norma) Helmer, Andover; Donald Helmer, Cibolo, Texas, and Norman (Shirley) Helmer, Gilbert, Ariz.; three sisters, Beatrice Tobin, Aberdeen; Barbara Guthmiller, Sioux Falls, and Joyce Skiles, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and many nephews and nieces.

- Preceding her in death were her husband, William; her daughter, Sharon Sundermeyer (February 1, 2006), and two brothers, Leon Helmer and Orville Helmer.

- Casketbearers will be Orville Dauwen, Rick Tobin, Scott Tobin, Loren Helmer, Matt Helmer and Jon Helmer.

- Organist will be Jane Kroll and ushers will be William Kroll and William LaMee.