

## *Mercedes Volk, 86*

Mercedes Volk, 86, Aberdeen, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Her Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday morning, Jan. 7, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen, with Father Ed Pierce officiating. Burial followed in Groton Union Cemetery, with Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, Aberdeen, in charge of arrangements.

Mercedes Kelley was born December 25, 1922 to Verne and Iva (White) Kelley, Aberdeen. She graduated from Pierre High School and attended Northern State Teachers College, where she received her teaching degree.

She enlisted in the Navy in 1944. She married Les Julson, September 25, 1944 in Bremerton, Wash. Les died January 5, 1975. She then married John Volk in October 1979. John died December 3, 1998.

Mercedes taught school for 42 years in various towns in the Aberdeen area. She was extremely active in every community where she taught and lived.

Mercedes loved bridge, sewing, traveling, and being with family and friends.

Grateful for having shared her life are three daughters, Leslie Ann (Allen) Schmit, Bismarck, ND; Sr. Rita Cameron, Davenport, Iowa, and Susan (Jim) Ewalt, Mason City, Iowa; three sisters, Kathryn Keenan and family, Aberdeen; Sr. Verna Kelley, Aberdeen, and Margaret Smith, Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Richard Kelley and daughters, Aberdeen; special friend, Bernie Simon and family, Aberdeen; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, two brothers, one sister, and one son-in-law.

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- Mercedes died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.
- Visitation will be 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present from 5-7, with a wake at 7 p.m., all at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main St.
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