

Lillie Deitz, 87

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Lillie Deitz, 87, Groton, died March 25, 1992, at St. Luke's Midland Regional Center. The funeral was held March 28 at the First Presbyterian Church, Groton, with the Rev. Richard Geiger officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Lillie Schmalz was born December 13, 1904 to William and Hedwig (Rueters) Schmalz at Milwaukee, Wis. She moved with her parents to Gettysburg in 1908. She attended school there and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1923. She attended Spearfish Normal and taught rural schools in Potter, Faulk and Clark counties for 13 years. She became an insurance agent and lived in Aberdeen. She married Clayton A. Deitz on August 13, 1944 in Aberdeen.

They lived in Groton where Clayton owned a drug store and she worked with him until they retired. He died in 1969. She continued to live in Groton and had been resident of the Colonial Manor since May 1991. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Groton, Presbyterian Women, Diana Chapter Order of Eastern Star, The Current Events Club, Groton Senior Citizens and a Charter Member of the South Dakota Chapter of Ornithology.

She is survived by one brother, William Schmaltz, Bend, Ore.; one sister, Hatti Schmalz, Tucson, Ariz.; two nieces, Marilyn Fiedler, Bend, Ore.; Lois Najacht, Brookings; one nephew, Harold Schmalz, Cedar Springs, Mich.; and three step-grand-children; and special friends, Orville and Joyce Schaller, Groton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one stepdaughter, two brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Ben Anderson was the organist. Lee Schinkel was the soloist. He sang, "He Hideth My Soul" and "It Is Well With My Soul."

Casketbearers were Jerroll Erdmann, Wayne Quiggle, Vern McCullough, Emery Sippel, Steven Schaller and Monte Sippel.

Ushers were Ben Anderson and Richard Anderson.