

August 5, 1971

Mrs. B. Heckel

Mrs. Gustave A. (Bertina) Heckel, 85, of Robbinsdale-Crystal, Minn., passed away on Thursday, July 29 at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale after a long illness.

Bertina Bardson, the daughter of Knudt and Martha Bardsen, was born at DeLamere, N.D., April 1, 1886. The family came from Norway in the 1870's to Iowa and moved in 1881 to Dakota Territory, homesteading near Milnor. Miss Bardsen grew to womanhood there attending local schools and later was employed by the Bittman Dept. Store at Oakes, N. D. She was married on Oct. 27, 1909 to Gustave A. Heckel, a jeweler of Oakes, N.D., where they made their home. To this union was born a son, Woodrow and a daughter, Shirley. In 1916, they moved to Groton, S.D., until 1933 when they moved to Valley City, N.D. Mr. Heckel passed away in 1956 and Mrs. Heckel then moved to Crystal, Minn., to live with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Geisler. For the past two years, because of ill health, Mrs. Heckel has been a resident of Maranatha Baptist Rest Home in Brooklyn Center. At Valley City, she was an active member of the Congregational Church, a member of the Women's Relief Corp, the WCTU and a charter member of the Valley City Pioneer Daughters Club. At Robbinsdale she was an active member of the Congregational Church Guild and Beta Circle.

She leaves her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geisler, 4833 Jersey Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., 55428, three grandsons, Fred III of Edina, Minn., and Kevin and David at home and many nieces and nephews. Her parents, husband, son and six sisters preceded her in death.

A reviewal and prayer service was held at Duschane Funeral Chapel in Robbinsdale on July 31. The funeral service was held at Peterson-Olson Funeral Home in Valley City, N.D., on Aug. 2 with the Rev. James MacArthur of the Congregational Church in charge. Burial was at Woodbine Cemetery in Valley City, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Heckel were members of the Presbyterian Church in Groton and active in the community. Mr. Geisler is Coordinator of Office Education in the Robbinsdale Senior High School and Mrs. Geisler has a home music studio where she has taught piano, organ and voice for many years. In Groton she was a music pupil of Mrs. Charles Adams