

February 5, 2003

## **Mamie G. Hurlbert**

- The funeral for Mamie G. Hurlbert, 99, of Aberdeen and formerly of Frederick will be Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Frederick. The Rev. Galen Sylvester will officiate.
- Burial will be in the Savo Lutheran Cemetery. Carlsen-Holte Funeral Home of Ellendale is in charge of arrangements.
- There will be a prayer service Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.
- She died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003 at Aberdeen Living Center.
- Mamie G. Kotila, daughter of Oscar and Maria (Hovila) Kotila was born May 11, 1903 in Savo Township in Brown County, SD. She was baptized as an infant at rural Savo Lutheran Church. She attended teachers training at Northern Normal and Industrial College in Aberdeen and taught in rural schools for several years near Frederick.
- She was united in marriage to George Kroll in December of 1922 at Edgeley, ND. From this marriage six children were born, one died in infancy. Her husband died September 1, 1939.
- She was then united in marriage to George Hurlbert in 1941 at Webster, SD. From this marriage three children were born. Her husband died January 31, 1946.
- In 1951, she moved to Minnesota with her friend, Art Bahr and their combined family of eight children. Besides her own children, Mamie acted as mother to four Bahr children after their mother died. She loved and cared for them all their elementary school years. Those children names are Eugene (Esther) Bahr of St. Paul, MN, Jerome (Mary) Bahr of San Juan Bautista, CA, Thomas (Sherry) Bahr of Scandia, MN and Judy Bahr Young of Brainerd, MN. After Art died, she moved back to Frederick in 1974 where she lived until she became a resident of Manor Care in Aberdeen in August of 1999. She moved to the Aberdeen Living Center December 6, 2002 where she resided until her death. She enjoyed writing letters and staying in touch with friends and family. For relaxation, she liked to read.
- Mamie was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and a former member of Savo Lutheran Church. She had been active in church choir and circles. She was a member of Savo Finnish Circle and the Frederick Senior Citizens was a favored organization where she had been secretary for many years.
- Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Kroll-Moorman of Auburn, WA, Pat (Raymond) Kroll-Mikkonen of Frederick, SD, Claudette Hurlbert-Rayburn of El Cajon, CA and Ruth Hurlbert of Minneapolis, MN, three sons, Michael (Mary) Kroll of Camarillo, CA, Patrick (Geraldine) Kroll of Minneapolis, MN and Frank (Shirley) Hurlbert of Plant City, FL, two sisters, Melita Ernesto of Hayward, CA and Aino Moorman of Renton, WA, 30 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.
- Her parents, both husbands, one daughter, one infant daughter, six sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.
- Casketbearers will be Jack Smith, Robert Smith and Rory Mikkonen, all of Frederick, Frank Hurlbert of Plant City, FL, Michael Kroll of Camarillo, CA and Patrick Kroll of Minneapolis.
- The organist will be Marie Schlosser and the soloist will be Krysti Mikkonen. There will be a reading from Claudette Rayburn.
- The family prefers memorials be made to South Savo Cemetery Association, Frederick, SD 57441.