Mrs. Hilda Mertz

June 14, 1978

Services for Mrs. Hilda E. Mertz, 88, rural Houghton, were held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10, at the United Church of Christ at Houghton with the Rev. David Wallace of Britton officiating.

Burial was in the Houghton Cemetery.

Mrs. Mertz died Wednesday, June 7, at her home.

Hilda E. Bartholome was born January 17, 1890, in Brown County near Houghton. She attended school and grew up there. She earned her teaching certificate from Northern State College and taught in the Houghton area. She married Linus Mertz on Nov 29, 1910, at Houghton. He served as the depot agent there and they later farmed in the area until 1937. Mr. Mertz then worked as a carpenter until his death on April 30, 1951. Mrs. Mertz had made her home with her nephew, Art Knecht, for the past 35 years.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ Ladies Aid, Order of the Eastern Star at Columbia, and the Three-In-One Extension Club of Houghton.

Survivors include four sons, Donald of Aberdeen; Howard of Olivia, Minn.; Floyd of Hecla; and Bruce of Concord, Calif.; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Karlen, Columbia, Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Spencer, Aberdeen; Mrs. Warren (Thelma) Lindeman, Wabasso, Minn.; Mrs. Edwin (Verna) Carlson and Mrs. James (Joyce) Smith, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Mrs. Lyle (Jeanne) Groberg, Redwood City, Calif.; two brothers, Arthur Bartholome, Aberdeen; and Alwin (Butch) Bartholome, Alexandria, Minn.; four sisters, Mrs. Ella Knecht, Britton; Mrs. Mamie Hinderks, Webster; Mrs. Walter (Esther) Swanson, Houghton; and Mrs. Edna Johnson, San Gabriel, Calif.; 35 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, two brothers, two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter preceded her in death.