

Bernice Neitzel, 74

Bernice Neitzel, 74, Groton, died June 21, 2002 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Her funeral was Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. There was a prayer service Tuesday evening at the chapel.

Bernice Parsons was born March 25, 1928 to William and Rose (Gates) Parsons, Mitchell. She attended Aberdeen public school.

She married Burton Neitzel, September 21, 1947 in Aberdeen. She worked at home for many years, during which she raised large gardens. She also worked for five years in the kitchen at the Groton schools.

Bernice was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. She enjoyed country western music, listening to books on tape, and having coffee with friends. Bernice also enjoyed to crochet, and made many afghans over the years.

She is survived by her husband, Burton, Groton; five sons, Dennis Neitzel, Texas; Ronald (Dawn) Neitzel, Aberdeen; William (Cheryl) Neitzel, Watertown; Richard "Dick" (Wendy) Neitzel, Aberdeen, and Michael (Anita) Neitzel, Dallas, SD; two daughters, Debra (Alan) Redman, Wahpeton, ND, and Susan (Robert) Linton, Rowena, SD; 26 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, one infant brother, and one infant sister.

Honorary and active casketbearers were her grandsons, Nathan Redman, Bobby Linton, Mark Neitzel, David Neitzel, Doug Neitzel, Corey Osmundson, Shawn Neitzel, Mike Neitzel, Allen Boock, Tom Neitzel, Kevin Neitzel, Scott Neitzel, Matthew Neitzel, Sheldon Neitzel and Dale Fletcher.

