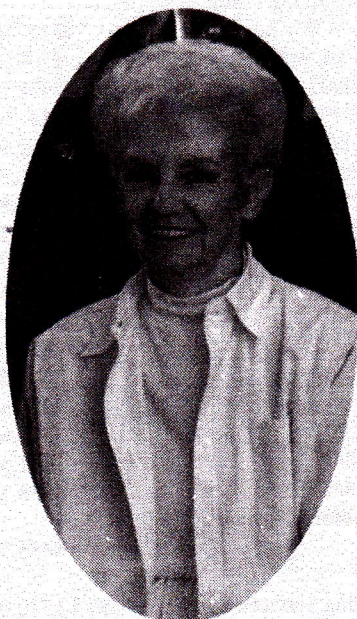


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T. Lucille Hisel



T. Lucille (Bowden) Hisel died March 25, 2007 at Mother Joseph Manor nursing home in Aberdeen, South Dakota after a long, courageous battle against cancer. Lucille was born May 22, 1927 in Columbus, Kansas to parents Allen and Mary (Bailey) Bowden.

Lucille grew up on a farm outside of Hurley, South Dakota, and graduated from Hurley High School in 1945. She attended Sioux Falls College and received her teaching certificate from the State of South Dakota in August 1946. Lucille taught in country schools in the Centerville area for several years. She continued her college courses throughout the 1960's at the University of South Dakota.

Lucille married Bryan (Bob) Hisel Jr. on June 12, 1947. They made Centerville their home for the past 60 years. Together, they started a family business, Bob's Shoe Store in 1953.

In 1972, Lucille started her own business, "The Hidden Staircase" where women's apparel and "fine fashions" could be found. She operated her successful business for over 25 years until she retired in 1999 for health reasons. She continued to reside in her Centerville home until January 2006, when she moved to Aberdeen to be cared for by her daughters.

An advocate for women, Lucille was appointed by Governor Richard Kneip in 1977 and served six years on the South Dakota Commission on the Status of Women. She was also a member of the Women's Political Caucus, Business and Professional Women (BPW), the South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women, and as a member of the South Dakota Retailers Association she participated in the Retail Women's Network.

As a booster of the Centerville business community, she was a member of both the Centerville and South Dakota Chamber of Commerce. In 1999, upon her retirement from business, Lucille was honored by the Chamber for her many years of dedicated

service to the Centerville community. A strong believer in the value of education, Lucille was especially active and pleased with the completion of the new Centerville Public Library.

Grateful for having shared in her life are her husband Bryan ("Bob") Hisel, Jr. of Centerville; son, Bryan L and his spouse Julie M. Johnson of Mitchell; daughter Becky and her husband Luther Andal of Aberdeen; daughter Bonny and her husband Dr. David Lee Merxbauer of Aberdeen;

Very special in Lucille's life were the grandchildren: David (Tanya) Hisel, Angela Hisel; LaVonne (Larry) Johnson, Luther (Diane) Andal, Alicia (Chris) Nelson, Jerrad, Tanya, Jonnet, Julia, Ryne, and Hannah Andal; Mikala, Miranda, David James (DJ), Mary, and Jacob Merxbauer; as well as eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Also sharing her life were her stepmother Esther Frier, Sioux Falls; her brother R. Herbert Bowden and wife Esther, Sioux Falls; sisters-in-law Arlene Frier, Aurora, CO; Mae Frier, Sioux Falls; Marlys Peterson, Centerville; Dolly Snitselaar and husband Roger, Sioux Falls; and brother-in-law Ray Hisel and wife Caryl, Beresford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather, five brothers and one sister.

A memorial service honoring her life will be held at Wass Funeral Home in Centerville on Friday, March 30, 2007, at 2:00 PM with a lunch and fellowship following the services at Scandia Lutheran church hall. A private family burial service will be conducted before the memorial service.