GROSS, Elsie Katherine (Arbeiter)

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MRS. JOE GROSS DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Mrs. Joe Gross died at the Freeman Hospital on Wednesday evening after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held on Monday at Bethany Mennonite Church at Freeman on Monday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. The body will be at the Gross residence Saturday afternoon until Sunday forenoon.

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR MRS. JOE GROSS

Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Gross were held at the Bethany Mennonite Church in Freeman on Monday afternoon, July 6th, with Rev. Wm. Unrau officiating. Music was furnished by Ed R. Hofer, John Waltner, Willis Wipf and Orville Wipf, with Mrs. Orville Wipf, organist. Pallbearers were Oscar Gering, Eldon Graber, Wm. Becker, Otto Arbeiter, Albert Schmidt and Harry Schmidt. Interment was at the Freeman cemetery.

Elsie Katherine Gross was born on January 25, 1903, at Marion, South Dakota, the daughter of Reinhold and Katherine Unruh Arbeiter. She grew to maturity in the Marion community, receiving her education in the rural schools there. During her early life she worked as a bookkeeper at the K & K store in Marion, and later as a switchboard operator at the telephone exchange.

She was united in marriage to Joe T. Gross on April 27, 1924, at Freeman, South Dakota. To this union one daughter, Elsie Josephine, was born. From 1924 until 1929 the family lived at Spencer, S. Dak., where Mr. Gross was engaged in the produce business. In 1929 the family moved to Viborg, S. Dak., where they were living at the time of her death. At Viborg both Mr. and Mrs. Gross operated the Gross Hatchery.

Mrs. Gross passed away at the Community Hospital of Freeman on July 1, 1959, at 6 p.m., after a brief illness. She attained the age of 56 years, 5 months, and 6 days. She leaves to mourn her passing, her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Arbeiter of Hot Springs, Arkansas, her husband, Joe, one daughter, Elsie Josephine (Mrs. Duane Graber), and one son-in-law, Duane Graber, of Rapid City, S. Dak., three sisters, Anna (Mrs. John Heckel) and Martha (Mrs. Herman Herbst) of Marion, and Emma (Mrs. Carol Swenson) of Valdosta, Georgia, two brothers, Henry Arbeiter of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Raymond Arbeiter of Los Angeles, Calif., and one grandson, Terry Rene Graber; also Mrs. W. J. Weiczorek who lived with the Arbeiter family during much of her early life, and Mrs. Ben Kehn who made her home with the Gross family for some years. Her mother and one granddaughter, Sherry Burnu Graber, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Gross was a member of the Church of God of Marion, having been baptized in 1919. She was also active in Bethany Mennonite Church of Freeman. She will be remembered as a good homemaker, an active business woman, but above all for her firm faith in Christ. She contributed to the formation of many lives by her example and influence. She gave unselfishly of herself as well as of her possessions. Many will miss her friendly smile, her hearty laugh, and her Christian ways. As we bid farewell to her presence among us we can but say with the poet, "Thanks be to God that such have been".

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kind deeds and comforting words during the bereavement of our beloved wife and mother. May God reward you.

— Mr. Joe Gross,
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Graber
and Terry