

OLSEN, Hazel E. (Erickson) Greenough

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Hazel Olsen

Hazel E. Olsen, 93, of 1912 S. Lincoln Ave. died, Friday, August 29, 1997 at Covington Heights Health Care Center.

Hazel was born July 6, 1904 on her parents farm north of Montrose, South Dakota, the daughter of Charles and Matilda Erickson.

She graduated from Montrose High School and later attended Sioux Falls College. In 1928 she married Francis Greenough and they started their life together on a farm north of Salem, S.D.

Hazel came from a pioneer Swedish family. That experience gave her an indomitable spirit to prevail under any conditions. The farm life of the "dirty thirties" was not an easy task. It required careful, frugal planning to maintain a home for her family. This could mean making some clothes out of flour sacks, canning fruits and vegetables on hot summer days, baking a week's supply of

bread and pastries, churning butter, washing clothes on a wash board and rendering lard. Upon the end of the week she would be ready for a Saturday night barn dance.

Even as she became elderly she demonstrated an invincible attitude. After her second husband died in 1994, she, at age 90, discovered she could mow and rake the lawn, paint the house, service the car and continue to wash clothes on her old Maytag ringier washer and hang them outside to dry.

Francis and Hazel were parents of two children, Dean and Lois. While the children were at home they lived in Salem, Mitchell, Howard and Sioux Falls.

In 1952 Hazel married Lauris Olsen from Viborg, S.D. and they lived in Sioux Falls. They enjoyed traveling every year for 43 years until his death in 1994. They traveled all over the United States and several foreign countries, including Denmark, Sweden, Mexico and Puerto Rico. They also made many visits to her children and grandchildren.

Hazel was an active participant in Eastern Star, Y Matrons, Sioux Falls Women Club, Sioux Valley Hospital Auxiliary, Tuck-a-Bache and Asbury Methodist Church Women's Circle. She was also an active member of Daughters of the Nile and the oldest member of her Patrol group.

Grateful for having shared her life are her two children; Dean Greenough of San Antonio, TX. and Lois Hagen

of Seattle, Washington, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Hazel was a wonderful role model as a mother and homemaker. She will be missed but will remain in the beloved memory of her friends and family.

The family requests that memorials be given in Hazel's memory to Asbury United Methodist Church Women's Circle.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, September 2, at Asbury United Methodist Church with burial in Hills of Rest Cemetery.