

DAILEY, Merle Edward

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Merle E. Dailey

Merle Edward Dailey was born October 14, 1922 in Sioux Falls, SD to parents Harry R. and Tressie (Fields) Dailey and entered into death May 26, 1997 at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls at the age of 74 years, seven months and 12 days.

Merle grew up in the Davis, SD area where he graduated from high school. He married Dorothea Hoyne on November 23, 1946 in Centerville. The couple farmed near Davis and in 1955 they moved to Centerville. They celebrated 50 years of marriage last fall.

Merle served in the US Army in the American and European Theatre of Operations. He graduated from SDSU in 1959 with a degree in agricultural economics. After graduation he worked as a Rural Mail Carrier in Centerville and Viborg, retiring in 1989 after 28 years of service. He also was a crop hail adjuster for 35 years for several insurance companies. Following retirement, the couple moved to Viborg. Merle was a member of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church at Centerville, the Knights of Columbus, the Turner County

Rural Mail Carriers' Association, the Viborg and Beresford VFW's, and a 50 year member of the Davis American Legion.

Among those who survive and who gratefully shared his life are his wife Dorothea of Viborg; two daughters, Teresa Parks of Sioux Falls, and Nanette Dailey of Pierre; one son Paul of Omaha, NE; five granddaughters, Raylene Parks of Sioux Falls, Kristen Hanzlik of Crofton, NE, Whitney, Alexandra and Samantha Dailey of Sioux City, IA; one great-granddaughter Ashley Hanzlik of Crofton, and one sister Harriet Bourassa of Colorado Springs, CO. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Daniel.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, 1997 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Centerville, SD with Father John Cain, Officiant.

Casket Bearers were Wally Schiferl, Maurice Christensen, Wayne Nelson, Quintin Pease, Chuck Bertrand, Mike Austin. Service of Interment was at Riverview Cemetery, rural Centerville.