

Betty H. (Hayes) Allan

January 27, 1889 – August 20, 1975

Former Nurse at the South Dakota School for the Deaf

Betty H. Allan, 86, of Sioux Falls, died at a nursing home in Yankton, South Dakota.

Betty was born January 27, 1889, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She received her nursing training in New York and worked for nine years in a doctor's office before leaving to care for her daughter during an illness.

After spending a year with her daughter in Texas, Betty returned to Sioux Falls. She answered a newspaper advertisement and began working as the nurse at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in September 1947. She served the school for 14 years.

At retirement, Betty described her years at SDSD as the happiest of her life. She felt part of a family and said she would especially miss the children. A school tribute expressed appreciation for her years of service.



Betty Allan, SDSD nurse, 1947-c. 1961, tending to a student. AI-assisted restoration of a photograph from the Rushmore Beacon.

Betty also worked at the Pioneer Treatment Center for Cancer in Sioux Falls. She served as president of the Irving PTA and the Sioux Falls PTA Council.

She was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lyle Parish of Chester, South Dakota, and Mrs. Austin Reep of Los Alamitos, California; three sons, Donald of Yankton, William of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Murray of Riverton, Wyoming; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Spalding of New York City.

Memorial services were held at the First United Methodist Church Chapel in Sioux Falls. Burial was at Lake Brandt Cemetery in Chester, South Dakota.