

Dora "Jessie" *Rose* Ackerman

October 17, 1924 - February 25, 2007

Dora Jessie "Jessie" Ackerman, 82, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on February 25, 2007, at Good Samaritan Village.

Jessie was born on October 17, 1924, in Monroe, South Dakota, to Everett and Agnes (Jesse) Rose. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Canistota, where she grew up. She graduated from Canistota High School in 1942 and earned an associate degree from Nettleton Community College.

While working as a secretary at the Sioux Falls Army Air Base, Jessie met John Bass, whom she married. She devoted herself to their home and family in Sioux Falls until John's death in 1965.

Jessie later became head housemother at the South Dakota School for the Deaf, serving from approximately 1967 until her retirement in June 1988, after 20½ years. Many alumni fondly remembered her care at Primary Hall, later known as the Buckmaster Building on the CSD campus.



SDSD Yearbook 1974. Jessie standing front row far right with other houseparents.

A strong supporter of SDSD athletics, Jessie regularly brought younger students to the gym to watch and cheer for the varsity basketball teams on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Her husband, Clyde, was also a familiar fan of the SDSD Pheasants.

Jessie married Clyde Ackerman on May 23, 1970, in Sioux Falls.

She was survived by her husband, Clyde Ackerman of Sioux Falls; four children, James Bass of Lansing, Kansas, Thomas (Carla) Bass of Renner, South Dakota, Roger (Shirley) Ackerman of Jordan, Minnesota, and Cynthia (Chuck) Weber of Marion, South Dakota; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Loella Rose of Sioux Falls, and Ada Buseman and Mary Cooper, both of Canistota; her sister-in-law, Mae Golden of Salem, South Dakota; and many other relatives and friends.



SDSD Yearbook 1988 During Jessie's final year at SDSD, she was standing front row second from the left, along with houseparents..

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, John Bass; one sister; and one brother.

Funeral services were held on February 28, 2007, at First Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls. Burial followed at Hills of Rest Memorial Park.

