

Alice Madeline *Helberg* Massey

October 13, 1929 – September 12, 2006

Alice Madeline Massey, 76, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on September 12, 2006, at Bethany Nursing Home.

Alice was born on October 13, 1929, in Keystone, Iowa, to Fredrick and Alma (Wenthe) Helberg. She attended the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Michigan, completing eighth grade in 1943. She continued her education at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, graduating in 1948.

On June 23, 1956, Alice married Arvin W. Massey in Des Moines, Iowa. They celebrated fifty years of marriage in 2006.

Alice was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf and several Deaf organizations, including the Fraternal Association of the Deaf, National Association of the Deaf, South Dakota Association of the Deaf, Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf, and a Deaf senior citizens' club. She also belonged to Style Club.

She enjoyed playing cards, sewing, baking, bowling, and visiting family and friends. Her family especially treasured the blankets she made for new babies and the homemade pastries and pies she brought to family gatherings. Sharing her talents with those she loved brought her great joy.

Alice is survived by her husband, Arvin Massey of Sioux Falls; three children, Cathy (Roy) Levine of Rockford, Illinois, Kim Sells Bowler of Milton, Washington, and Bill (Kathy) Massey of Tacoma, Washington; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Sells, Joshua Sells, Peter (Shannon) Levine, Katrina Sells, Molly Levine, and Amanda Savage; and a great-granddaughter, Summer Levine. She is also survived by two sisters, Anita (Gilbert) Sandersfield and Grace (Wayne) Lucht; a brother, Ken (Cari) Helberg; and many other relatives and friends.



Front, from the left: Alice Massey, Dave Christensen, Stella James, Nona Schumacher, and Dora Ackerman.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Walter; and two sisters, Audrey Daniels and Lois Weibold.

A memorial service was held on September 15, 2006, at Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, with the Rev. Matthew Nix officiating. Interment was at Hills of Rest Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of George Boom Funeral Home.

Her family expressed gratitude to the staff of Bethany Nursing Home for their care and support. Memorial contributions were directed to Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf.