

Flora Marie Grinde

May 25, 1905 – July 30, 1991

Flora Marie Grinde, 86, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died July 30, 1991, at Good Samaritan Luther Manor.

Flora was born May 25, 1905, in Colton, South Dakota, where she grew up. She attended Augustana College and earned a master's degree from Northern State College in Aberdeen.

Her teaching career spanned 39 years, including her final 24 years at the South Dakota School for the Deaf. She taught some of the school's youngest pupils, helping them develop language, reading, and number skills through individual instruction, stories, classroom activities, and play. She also helped prepare future teachers through Augustana's deaf education program.

When Flora retired in 1970, the school's Rushmore Beacon honored her with a classroom feature and recollections from former pupils. They remembered her patience, individual attention, and the everyday experiences of learning in her classroom. In 1981, SDSD's Primary Hall was renamed Grinde Hall in recognition of her service.



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INDIVIDAL instruction is an important part of teaching a deaf child to speak and understand. Primary Teacher Flora Grinde teaches Todd Friessen of Sioux Falls to speak the word, "cow". (Photos by Bob Renshaw)

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Flora was a member of East Side Lutheran Church, the National Retired Teachers Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for women educators. She had made her home at Luther Manor since 1976.

Survivors included a nephew, James of Peachtree City, Georgia, and a niece, Margaret Tompkins, wife of Leonard Tompkins, of Canton, South Dakota.

Memorial services were held August 2, 1991, at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Burial took place at St. Ansgar Cemetery in Colton. Arrangements were handled by George Boom Funeral Home.