Dorothea Irene Buckel Cundy

December 28, 1919 – January 29, 2008

Dorothea Irene Cundy, 88 former Northern Black Hills area resident was at rest Tuesday morning, 29 Jan 2008, at Agua Caliente Villa in Sonoma CA.

Visitation will be from 11:00AM until 1:00PM on Tuesday, February 5th 2008 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish, SD.

Funeral services will begin at 1:00PM on Tuesday, February 5th 2008 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Gordon Higgins officiating, burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish.

Dorothea Irene Cundy, born 28 Dec 1919 to Michael and Laura Buckel, in Hopedale OH,

Dorothea Cundy was and raised in Ohio, attended the Ohio State School for the Deaf and Blind, and worked in the Akron area when she met and married Walter Ernest Cundy on 16 June 1946. Following their marriage, they moved to his boyhood home area in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. Ranching was Ernie's life and Dorothea enthusiastically took on a new adventure in her life.

They lived in the Spearfish and Deadwood areas of South Dakota and Sundance, Wyoming for about 3 years. During this time, two daughters were born, Ann in 1947 and Rosie in 1948. Approximately a year or two later, they moved to Montana where Mr. Cundy ranched at various locations in the southeast central area around Billings until the early 1960s and Dorothea was a homemaker. In the 1960s, Mrs. Cundy worked at Valley Retirement Home in Billings; in the early 1970s, Mrs. Cundy was hired as a kitchen staff worker at St. John's Retirement Home, also in Billings, where she worked until Mr. Cundy's death in February 1993.

Over the years, they traveled to other states where their daughters and other family members lived. Travels outside the continental US included a trip in 1981 to Yokota Air Base, Japan, near Tokyo, where Ann and Ray lived and continued with a stopover in Honolulu where Rosie surprised them.

Approximately April 2003, her daughters relocated Mrs. Cundy to northern CA to live closer to them. For over the past three years, she was a resident of Agua Caliente Villa, an assisted-living facility in Sonoma that became like family to her and was where she felt most at home. In the end, she passed away in the comfortable surroundings of this facility, with her daughters, son-in-law Ray McCauley, and her youngest sister, Jean B. Raitch at her side in her final days.

Mrs. Cundy was predeceased by her parents and an older sister, Cora Mae Buckel, all formerly of Hopedale OH; two younger brothers, Walter P. Buckel of Carlsbad NM, and Roy Edmund Buckel stationed at Dover AFB DE at the time of his death; and her husband, Walter Ernest Cundy. She is survived by two sisters, Eunice Catozza of Hilliard OH and Jean Buckel Raitch of Newport News VA; two daughters and one son-in-law, Ann and Ray McCauley of Los Banos CA and Rosie Trescott of Sonoma CA; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.