Birdie *Ellston* McBride

October 30, 1902 – October 23, 1981

Birdie Ellston McBride, age 78, of Wagner, South Dakota, passed away Friday, October 23, 1981, at the Wagner Hospital.

Birdie Ellston was born on October 30, 1902, in Herrick, South Dakota. She attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf and graduated with the Class of 1924. On March 23, 1936, she was united in marriage to John McBride in Lake Andes, South Dakota. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Birdie was one of eight siblings, including her twin sister, Bertha. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ash of Wagner; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Neal Ellston of Burke, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held Monday in Burke. Burial took place at Herrick Cemetery.



Birdie Ellston (fifth from left) pictured with other pupils at the South Dakota School for the Deaf.
circa 1914–1916.



Birdie Ellston (right) with a classmate in costume for a school play at the South Dakota School for the Deaf.
circa 1922–1924..



1924 graduate class. Abel Syliaaseen, Bridie Ellston, Supt. Welty, and Rudolph Albrecht