Violet Ann (Dyce) Bender

May 30, 1927 – February 23, 2007



Violet Bender, 79, of Sioux Falls, died Friday, February 23, 2007, at Covington Heights Care Center.

Violet Ann Dyce was born May 30, 1927, the youngest of four children of William and Anna Dyce. She grew up in and around Nunda, South Dakota. Violet lost her hearing at age 10 but continued attending public school in Nunda, except for one year at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls.

Violet moved to Sioux Falls for work. Shortly afterward, she met and married Leo Bender, who was also deaf. Together, they had eight children.

At the time of her death, survivors included her eight children: Betty, Leo, Carol Nedved, Diane (Gary) Kinsley, and Ed, all of Sioux Falls; John (Vickie) of Westminster, Colorado; Jim of Dell Rapids; and Bob (Deb) of Hartford. She was also survived by her sister, Elsie Hoffman of Hudson, South Dakota; her sister-in-law, Frances Vander Bush of Sioux Falls; and her adored grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; her parents; her sister, Martha Thompson; and her brother, Andrew Dyce.

Visitation was held at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held on February 27, 2007, at the Salvation Army. She was buried at Hills of Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

