

Bessie Mae Riley Danielson

August 17, 1918 – December 31, 2004



Bessie Mae Danielson, age 86, of Chancellor, S.D., formerly of Madison, S.D., died at her home on December 31, 2004.

Bessie Mae Riley was born August 17, 1918, at Mission, Texas to George and Susan (Taylor) Riley. She was raised in the Winfred, S.D. area and attended South Dakota School for the Deaf until 1939.

She was a youth worker at Camp Byron near Huron, S.D., and was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church near Canvoa, S.D.

She married Palmer I. Danielson in Madison, S.D., on October 29, 1955. She did Christian work in her early days and cared for many loved ones. Her husband died in 1982 and she later moved to Sioux Falls and Chancellor.

Members of the Deaf Community who knew Bessie best remember her as someone who always helped others in need. She was so good at visiting those who were sick. Bessie was known for being strong-willed and for her good sense of humor.

Funeral service for Bessie was held on Monday, January 3, 2005 at the Ellsworth Funeral Home in Madison, S.D. She was laid to rest at the Pioneer Cemetery in Baltic, S.D.

