

Eunice Ellen Graber

August 28, 1935 – February 28, 2014

Eunice Ellen Graber was born on August 28, 1935, to Elmer J. and Clara C. Graber on a farm near Freeman, South Dakota. She was born deaf and attended the State School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for 12 years, graduating in 1954.

Eunice was baptized on September 24, 1950, by Rev. Russell Mast and became a member of the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. She remained a faithful member until her death.



Setting puzzles, doing crafts, cross stitching, word search puzzles and watching TV were some of her favorite pastimes. Eunice had a smile for everyone and never complained.

Eunice lived in the Salem Mennonite Home from 1991 to 2013. Due to health reasons, she was moved to Oakview Terrace in Freeman at the end of September 2013, where she passed away on February 28, 2014, at the age of 78 years.

She is survived by her siblings: Cordell and Clara Graber, Freeman; Karen and Leo Pauls, Emporia, Kansas; and Orval and Diane Graber, Winner, South Dakota; and eight nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Elmer and Clara Graber.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m. at Salem-Zion Mennonite Church, rural Freeman. Pastors Eric Deckert and Stuart Schreur officiated with Deb Schmeichel as organist and pianist. Greg and Kathy Kleinsasser provided vocal music. Pallbearers were Cory Graber, Stuart Graber, Arden Kaufman, Eric Pauls, Stuart Schreur and Duncan Schwensohn.

