

My beloved wife and daughter of Elder Theodore Nickel was born December 16, 1880 and grew up on her parent's farm 5 miles south east of Mountain Lake and on June 19, 1899 was baptised on the confession of her faith by Elder Heinrich Quiring. And in the year of 1900, December 9, she was married to Rev. David P. Eitzen, which lasted 29 years 5 months and 16 days. On December 9, 1925 they celebrated their Silver Wedding as a Thanksgiving on to the Lord. The Lord blessed us with four sons and one daughter. But son Theodore died at the age of 7 months. The whole family tried their best to help and make things comfortable.

In the first 10 years of their married life, Mrs. Eitzen suffered with eye trouble; which made it also hard for her. In their 15th year of married life she had a light heart condition but recovered fairly well and in these later years she was troubled with gallstones. But the heart became weak and the doctors could not perform surgery as to endanger her life. But the suffering and pain got so bad the doctors decided to operate. Taking everything to the Lord in Prayer, it was decided to have surgery the 25th of March. The Lord had heard our prayers and she came out of it and in 3 weeks she could go home. But after a few days at home, her kidneys were acting up and she had to go back to the hospital for another 13 days and then came home again. But even then new problems came up. They noticed that she must have had another light stroke that affected her eye lids and her mind was some what mixed up at times. But when she prayed her mind seemed to be very clear. She had to go to the hospital for a third time, but when the family noticed her failure they notified son David who was at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas. She realized also that her time was running out although she wished to stay with her family. But death does not ask and she died May 25th.

She has always been a helpful prayer partner especially since her husband was in the ministry. It is a painful parting. Her last prayer was special for husband and children, that they would not miss the good. She left her husband and 3 sons: David, Peter and Alvin; one daughter Elizabeth; one daughter-in-law, Susie, her mother, 7 brothers and 1 aunt.

Rev. D. P. Eitzen and family.