

OBITUARY - MARIE C. EITZEN

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She was born Nov. 26, 1901 on her grandparent's farm north of Butterfield. In the year 1903, on March 16, the family moved to Munich, North Dakota on a farm 4 miles south of Munich. After they lived there about 2-1/2 years her mother had to have surgery but no help was found and she died on December 22, 1905.

Then Marie and her father, C. P. Eitzen, took the mother's body back to Butterfield, Minn. to be buried. It was very sad and hard to meet her parents, sisters and brother. Marie was 4 years old and did not quite understand all of it; was glad to see her grandma, and also was to live with her grandparents at least for the time being and her father too stayed in Minn. After she had lived with her grandmother for 7 years, her father remarried to Miss Anna Friesen from Butterfield. At that time Marie was eleven years old. So she had a mother again who was very good to her and loved her dearly.

This marriage of her fathers also did not last too long. After 1-1/2 years, this mother also died on January 26, 1914 as the family came down with typhoid fever which took the mother and almost her father too. The day of her mother's funeral, they were not sure that he would make it. In this short marriage Harry was born and was about 8 months old. So Marie was alone at the funeral of her second mother. From that time Marie and Harry stayed with her grandparents Eitzen. Marie loved her brother and helped to care for him and also went to the Bible school in Mt. Lake. Her father bought a house close to that of his folks and started to keep house with Marie while Harry was taken care of at the grandparents Eitzen until Harry was big enough to be at home and Marie older so she could help with the house work and Harry. Six months later, after the funeral of Harry's mother, Grandma Eitzen died on June 11, 1914. Mr. Eitzen's sisters helped with Harry's bringing up.

Marie accepted Christ as her Savior and Redeemer at the young age of 13 years and was baptised. She went to Mt. Lake to high school and later to Bethel College, Newton, Kansas for one year; two years to Normal School in Mankato, Minn. Feeling that she wanted to prepare for Christian work as her vocation she also taught two years in a Butterfield school. She was very helpful in Sunday School and Church work, and was especially fond of music.

In the meantime her father remarried for the third time to Mrs. Marie Cornelson on Dec. 30, 1926 at Bakersfield, Calif. This Marie accepted with a cheerful heart knowing that her father had someone to be with him and share joys and sorrows with him; and Harry then had a home too. She felt more free so took two more years of school at the Los Angeles Bible School. She decided to take up nurse's training and this was to start in July 1929. But before she was ready for nurse's training, on Sunday, February 9, 1929 she got very sick. The next day the doctor ordered her to the hospital and surgery was performed February 11. The father was called and got there just in time so he could talk with her and she told him all of her desires concerning her death and funeral to be held at Mountain Lake Bethel church; the text was to be John 15 verses 5-8. The songs - My Jesus I Love Thee, etc. After she said, "Daddy, I am going home, I am going to stand at the golden gate and wait for you all." She died Feb. 12, 1929. She fell asleep at 3:15 p.m., re-deemed by her Lord Jesus Christ. She reached the age of 27 years, 2 months & 17 days. She left behind her parents, sister & 2 brothers, her grandma and lots of friends. The last hour she couldn't answer any more questions but she gave a beautiful smile and the last tear that came, her father could wipe away.