

OBITUARY - MRS. JOHN P. EITZEN

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Our mother, Mrs. John P. Eitzen (nee Katherine Falk), daughter of Peter and Maria (Rempel) Falk, was born on April 5, 1886 in Watonwan county. In the year 1905 she was baptized upon confession of her faith by Elder Gerhard Neufeld, and accepted as a member of the First Mennonite church of Mountain Lake.

On December 21, 1911, she was united in marriage to our father, John P. Eitzen. They shared each other's joys and sorrows until March, 1933, when our mother had a nervous breakdown and it was necessary to take her to the state hospital, where she was cared for during the past 14 years.

A message was received on July 8th to the effect that mother's condition was such that she must be moved to a sick room, and it was here that she passed away on the 23rd of July, 1947. She attained the age of 61 years, 3 months and 18 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure, four children and two sons-in-law. They are: Nina (Mrs. John Thiessen) and husband of Reedley, Calif.; Martha (Mrs. Orlando Harder) and husband of Minneapolis; and Bertha and John of Northfield. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Helen Pankratz of Frazer, Mont. Our father preceded her in death on December 23, 1944. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Very precious to her were the words written in Phil. 3:13-14: "Brethren, I count not myself to be apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The Children.