

MRS. AGATHA EITZEN DIES IN BETHEL HOSPITAL

Mrs. Agatha Eitzen, 68, passed away Sunday, Aug. 11 at Bethel hospital where she had been a patient for some time.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Bethel Mennonite church, with the Rev. Albert Gaeddert officiating.

Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wieler, Mrs. Virgil Bartel and Ted C. Jenzen. John Fast was the organist.

Casketbearers were Sam M. Harder, Peter J. Voth, Frank Balzer, Nic J. Hiebert, J. E. Hiebert and John E. Jantzen. Interment was in the Mt. Lake cemetery.

Agatha W. Eitzen was born on Feb. 15, 1895 to Jacob B. and Agatha Warkentin of Mt. Lake. She was baptized into Bethel Mennonite church of Mt. Lake in June 1914. As was common in those days, she was taken out of public school at the seventh grade to help with the large family at home. As a young woman she fulfilled her best reasonable ambition by becoming a clerk at the post office and later at Hiebert and Franz store. On Dec. 16, 1917 she was married to George P. Eitzen of Mt. Lake, a local telephone company employee. When he was drafted into the World War I army, and introduced to the problem of pacifism, she accompanied him to camp at Des Moines, and worked, helping to feed the crowds at a hugh service center. Returning from France, Mr. Eitzen joined the Farmers State Bank of Mt. Lake. He died suddenly in 1945 after 28 years of marriage and 27 years in the bank.

Later in life Mrs. Eitzen began a year of service with the Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Penn., but this was ended by a slight illness. Later still she served for several years in the Mt. Lake public school cafeteria.

Her ability to grow and serve was a wonder to her family and an inspiration to widespread friends. Over the years God wrought in her a miracle of patience beyond her temperament. The shocks of life taught her the worth of her own intelligence. An honest relationship with her sons taught her the richness of working out new problems together.

She believed in the healthfulness of work, and was always making useful things for her family, her friends, and her church. She loved nature and enjoyed being outdoors. In church, her various capacities in the Mission Society gave her

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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Died: August 11, 1963

Time & Place of Services: 2:00 p.m. - Bethel Mennonite Church
Tuesday, August 13, 1963

Clergyman: Rev. Albert Gaeddert

Interment: Mt Lake Cemetery