



Hattie Plowman Terpstra, 91, passed away peacefully at home Sunday, July 1, 2007. Hattie was born October 16, 1915 to Fred and Maggie Plowman in Prinsburg, Minnesota. Hattie was preceded in death in 2004 by her husband Ernest. Hattie attended schools in Prinsburg and Brooten and graduated from the eighth grade. She wanted to attend High School, but needed to work to help support the family during the Great Depression.

In 1937, Hattie worked in Crookston. Later, she was a clerk in a General Store in Belgrade, Minnesota.

Ernest went to Minnesota to visit relatives where they met. Hattie and Ernest were married on January 3, 1940 in Brooten, Minnesota. In September 1943, they moved to Bozeman.

In 1947, Hattie and Ernest bought Hicks Transfer and renamed it City Transfer and Storage which they owned and managed until they sold it in 1974. City Transfer was later sold to Mergenthaler which is the name today. Hattie and Ernest also purchased Butte-Bozeman Delivery Service in 1948 and operated it for about 25 years.

Hattie taught Sunday School in the Bozeman Christian Reformed Church for many years. Hattie worked with the Salvation Army and served on the Salvation Army Board. She also was a campaign member for the Community Concerts in Bozeman.

After their retirement in 1974, Hattie and Ernest performed volunteer service for the Christian Reformed Church World Relief Committee and helped many people after disasters such as the Teton Dam flood in Idaho and tornado victims in Texas.

For many years during retirement, Hattie and Ernest drove their motor home to California and lived there during the winter months.

Hattie is survived by her children Jim (Kathy) Terpstra of Castle Rock, CO, Marilyn (Clif) Alberda of Manhattan, and Doris (Howard) Cole of Valparaiso, IN. She also is survived by nine grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Carolyn Terpstra.

Hattie had six brothers, John (Ione), Henry (Minnie), Albert (Florence), Sam (Anna), Edward (Marie), and Arnold (Ida) and two sisters, Sadie (John), and Margaret (Allan). She was preceded in death all her brothers and sisters except Margaret.

Hattie had a passion for her work, but her first love and passion was Ernie, her children and grandchildren. Whenever her children came to visit, she always had fresh cinnamon and almond rolls – something her children and grandchildren will always remember.

Friends and family are invited to join the family as we celebrate Hattie's life at a funeral service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Christian Reformed Church, Manhattan, Montana. Rev. Randy VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in the Churchill cemetery.

The family requests in lieu of flowers a memorial may be sent to the Bozeman Christian Reformed Church, 324 N. 5th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715 and Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 915 Highland Boulevard, Bozeman, MT 59715. Funeral services are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.