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Anne Eckel, 80

Jan. 7, 1916 - March 7, 1996

Minden - Anne Katherine Eckel, daughter of Charles and Anna Horejs was born Jan. 7, 1916 in Omaha, NE. She was raised in Omaha, and graduated from Central High School.

Dec. 4, 1937, she married Dwight Eckel of Shelby. They became the parents of three children. After their marriage, they resided in Shelby and later in Omaha before returning to Shelby to make their home. She worked together with her husband in Eck's Enterprises plastic sign business from their home in Shelby for many years. For many years she taught Sunday School, Bible School, and many other groups as well as classes in art and sign making techniques. She served as a director on the board of the International Sign Association, along with her husband who was chairman of the board for a number of years. For the last several years, they had spent their winter months in Florida, and it was there that she died March 7, 1996, at age 80 years and two months.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Horejs and a grandson, Terry Crumpley. She is survived by her husband, Dwight Eckel of Minden, her children, Kathy (Craig) Little of Door County, WI; Merrie Jo (Dale) Crumpley of Memphis, TN; and Dwight Richard "Rick" Eckel of Colestine Valley, OR; and three grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Marie Horejs of Omaha, NE and Lillian Knudson of Gardena, CA, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held April 20, 1996 at Shelby Presbyterian Church in Shelby with Rev. Gerald Oliver and Rev. Vesta Kowalski officiating. Inurnment was in the Shelby Cemetery. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.