



Nancy L. Buckmaster
November 9, 1931 - June 30, 2010

Nancy Buckmaster died on Wed., June 30 at Avera-McKennon Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. She was 79 years old and living in Brookings, SD at the time of her death.

Nancy attended the first through fifth grades in Watertown and sixth through twelfth grades in Erwin, where she graduated in 1950. During her high school years, Nancy was active in 4-H and served as a student body officer. She attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings for two years and was chosen homecoming queen in 1952. She attended Gallaudet College (now University) for a year and half, where she was active in Delta Epsilon Sorority.

When CSD became the proud owner of Camp Lakodia on July 2, 2002 Nancy's heart was filled with much joy. Prior to CSD taking ownership of the camp, it was in the hands of the 4-H Club of Madison, SD. Nancy had many fond memories of the camp in her days as a 4-H member.

On March 17, 1957, Nancy married her college sweetheart, John Buckmaster, in Brookings. The couple lived in Colorado where they both were very active in the Colorado Deaf Community. They later moved to the Erwin, SD area where they operated a family potato farm and small grain business. During the fall of the year in the 70's and early 80's the Buckmaster donated tons of potatoes to the Sioux Empire Sertoma Club of Sioux Falls. Members of the Sertoma Club would then sell the potatoes as a fund-raiser to sponsor a number of community projects, including CSD programs and special programs and projects for the children at the South Dakota School for the Deaf.

On October 28, 2005 at CSD's 30th Anniversary Banquet, CSD officially named the Buckmaster Building on the CSD campus in honor of John and Nancy Buckmaster. Dedication and a ribbon cutting ceremony of the building took place on Thurs., August 17, 2006. Nancy was present for the special ceremony. John died August 2, 1999.

Nancy had a special interest in arts and crafts, and taught folk arts and crafts at various camps in Wisconsin, Idaho, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Colorado. She exhibited crafts and Scandinavian embroidery at several venues. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; the SDSU Fine Arts Club;

Chapter BP P.E.O.; the Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, IA; and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Club at De Smet, SD Nancy was also a loyal member and supporter of the SD Association of the Dea (SDAD) for more than 45 years. She was a founder of the National Deaf Women's Bowling Association. She was chair of the Meadowlark movie group at Erwin. Nancy enjoyed her many travels with her mother and later in life with a friend.

Funeral services for Nancy were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Brookings. Ben Soukup, CSD CEO, shared personal remarks and Larry Puthoff said a few words on behalf of SDAD.

Nancy was laid to rest at the Erwin Cemetery in Erwin.