

Judith J. Larson Glammeier

Judith Glammeier had a reputation as an energetic woman, a leader and member of the deaf community in South Dakota, most notably in the area of Sioux Falls.

Glammeier came from Jasper, Minn. to attend a community college in Sioux Falls. She stayed here the remainder of her life and was involved in many deaf organizations, such as Deaf Senior Citizens Organization, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf Division #74, South Dakota Association of the Deaf, Sioux Falls Association of the Deaf and Self-Help for Hard-of-Hearing. She was a strong advocate for programs and services for the deaf in South Dakota.

Glammeier especially enjoyed the responsibility of taking her deaf friends who needed a ride to various gatherings or meetings. She was heavily involved in collecting and preserving valuable articles and photographs for SDAD history. She often wrote news for the community and encouraged deaf people to get involved in community work.

In 1985, Glammeier was the first woman to be elected president of SDAD, and was reelected in 1987. She performed the job so well that other female members were motivated to become actively involved.

Despite her chronic illness, Glammeier continued to render her services to the deaf community, especially deaf senior citizens, until her death in October 1999. The organization misses her valuable contributions and unforgettable smile.

