



Margaret Hempel

August 17, 1933 - July 30, 2019

Margaret M. Hempel, 85, died Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Margaret Marie Roth was born on August 19, 1933, in Moody County, SD, the daughter of Frank and Esther (Johnson) Roth. She attended Darling Rural School #7 and then graduated from Egan High School in 1951. She went on to graduate from South Dakota State University majoring in home economics, clothing and clothing textiles. Margaret taught high school in Webster, SD, for three years.

On June 8, 1958 she was united in marriage to Richard Hempel in Brookings, SD. The couple made their home in Lennox, SD. Margaret began a 35 year teaching career in Lennox, where she was recognized as an outstanding home economics teacher and FHA Advisor. She also supervised 42 student teachers. Margaret retired from teaching in 1993. Husband Richard died just over one month ago, on June 21, 2019.

Margaret was a long time faithful member of First English Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Lennox Senior Citizens and had volunteered for the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed counted cross stitch, sewing and crafts. She collected snow babies and porcelain dolls. Margaret was a devoted wife and mother. Most of all she loved her family and cherished the relationships and time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Besides her parents and husband, Margaret was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Roth and a sister, Dorothy Bauder.

Grateful for having shared her life are two daughters: Tamara (Terry) Haan, Billings, MT and Gayle (Roger) Hanisch, Lennox; seven grandchildren: Jennifer (Stephen) Paterson, Billings, MT, Jessica (Scott) Felchle, Laurel, MT, Andrew (Tara) Hanisch, Lennox, Jacqueline (Colin) Gerstner, Billings, MT, Jacob (Bethany) Haan, Laurel, MT, Alexander Hanisch, Clark, SD and Blake Campos, Billings, MT; 13 great-grandchildren: Elijah Gerstner, Joslynn Hanisch, Nathan Paterson, Luke Gerstner, Noah Felchle, Isaac Gerstner, Hayes Hanisch, Hope Gerstner, Henry Haan, Gabriel Felchle, Allie Paterson, Liam Haan and Benjamin Felchle; sister, Lorraine (John) Trei, Rockford, IL; brothers-in-law, Darrell Bauder, Frazee, MN, Robert Hempel, Crooks, SD and David (Mary) Hempel, Webster, SD, as well as many nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 9, 2019 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, SD. Visitation, also at First English, with the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 8.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ We had many good conversations with Mr. & Mrs. Hemple at the Senior Center in Lennox. I (Ken) believe I got to know Mrs. Hemple better then I did in High School. My wife (Karen) often ha very good comments about what she learned in Home Ec class and Mrs Temple. Always a kind and fair person. Was a definite asset to the school.

Ken and Karen DeVries - August 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ Thank you for your years of service Mrs Hempel... travel safely! Your job on earth is complete. Well done! Rich Class of 1970

Rich - August 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I have so many fond memories of Margaret and her family. I cherish each and every one of them. Margaret helped me through some rough times in my life and even with the distance separating us she always made time for me. There were many telephone calls and notes going back an forth. We had planned a trip for her to come out and visit us but God had other plans. When my turn comes I look forward to seeing you again and until then we will celebrate life. Sending my Love, Laura Jean.



Laura Jean Shatford - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Family of Margaret: My heart aches for your loss of both parents in one month. Truly this is so tragic. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Love and Prayers, Janell

Dr Janell Christiansen - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I have so many memories of home ec class with Mrs Hempel. My most vivid memory is when we had to peel and cook red beets.....I thought they were disgusting and I didn't touch any beets until I was in my 60's! She made the class fun and we learned a lot. But Mrs Hempel also didn't mince words when we were not paying attention in the class, she never backed down.

10 years ago at our 40th class reunion some of our former teachers came to a picnic in Lennox. It was so nice to see both Dick and "Mrs" Hempel there among the teachers. Thanks for all of the memories Mrs. Hemple, God bless you
Delia Cammack Ritter



Delia (Cammack) Ritter - August 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ It is a sad time but should also be a time of celebration! Mrs Hempel led a life of example. One that had an impact on hundreds of lives in a positive way!! She taught young people like my wife and I what a career of service should look like! God Bless her. Her husband. And now for her family. Prayers

Lynn/Nila Hammerstrom - August 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ I noticed the obituary for your Mom. You may not remember me,, but we lived in the same neighborhood as children and I am Buzz and Nancy Kornmann's daughter Julie Kornmann (Turtle now). I am expressing condolences on behalf of our family- my sister Deb and my Dad Buzz. (My Mom Nancy passed last year). Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Julie Turtle (Kornmann) - August 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Margaret. Lorraine, Dorothy and Joe were some of my earliest memories. Margaret and Dick will both be missed.



Susan Johnson Roberts - August 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Sending you my condolences on the passing your mom, Mrs. Hempel. That's what we always called her. I was one of her Home Ec Students while I was in grades 8 - 11 and was an FHA girl during my years at LHS. My sisters and I were greatly influenced by her teaching. We learned so much besides sewing, cooking, cleaning, planning meals, etc., etc., etc. We still talk about your mom, always refer to her as Mrs. Hempel because of the great respect we had for her. She was such a wonderfully talented teacher and a great example for my sisters and me. She had a special place in her heart for my youngest sister, Julle Anne. It was a blessing to have been one of her pupils. I will keep her memory close to my heart. God Bless you all.



Cathy Dean - August 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My prayers for the loved ones of Mrs. Hempel. I had her all 4 years of highschool. Was blessed to visit with her at our 50th class reunion summer of 2017.
Mrs. Hempel was a wonderful teacher.

Twyla (Johnson) Lund - August 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry too hear the news about Margaret, so soon after Dick. I am at Dona's in Mn. for a family get together on Friday. The girls had planed to be home this last week end, we had planned it months a go, it is like Don waited to see them. I will be thinking of you on Friday. Love Betty

Donald & Betty Hind - August 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Tammy and Gail, I am still in shock as all of this happened so fast. I am sure this is extremely difficult for both of you and your families. Your mom was one of those people with endless energy who in my mind, never got old and should have lived forever. I know Mary shared by last thoughts to her with you. I just want you to know how much she influenced my life. If not for her, I would never have moved to Webster, met my husband, had my two children, and had five grandchildren. I owe so much to her. My sincere sympathy to all of you and may God bless her soul.



Charlotte Johnson Hoverstadt - July 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Many Blessings for Peace.
Sorry for your Loss.
It was such a Pleasure knowing Dick and Margaret.
For Two shall become one. They are now again reunited in Heaven
as One Body in Christ.
So they were here on Earth a true testament to a Marriage fulfilled.*

Laurie Anne Wernke - July 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *So sad to hear about your Mom. Cherish your memories. I miss my
Mom everyday even though it's been several years. Please
know Rick & I are thinking of you & your family.*

Joanne Eppard - July 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *deepest sympathies to you all, a wonderful person and teacher. I
use many of the lessons she taught me everyday.*

JIM AND PATRICIA KOERNER - July 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *So soon after Mr. Hempel! Truly, some couples cannot live without
each other. Mrs. Hempel is one teacher I think of very often as I do
things around the house and have related many things she taught
me to do to my daughters, grandkids, and others. Her talents were
many. Sympathies to the family for your loss that follows so recently
after your dad. Hold each other up and cling to the Lord's strength.*

Gale Javers Wray - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Mrs. Hempel was a wonderful teacher and person. She was tough, fair, kind and always pushed you to do more than you thought you could accomplish. She made a huge impact in my life and I was blessed to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Charity Reinartz Beebe - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I learned so much from this wonderful teacher. LHS - Class of 1984*

Wanda Beuckens-Voelker - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM