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BIOGRAPHY

Irene Anna Turli, born September 9, 1926, died November 16, 2014 in Mitchell SD. She was the third of three daughters born to Lars Ivarson Turli and Ingeborg Ellendsdatter Hamre Turli, both immigrants from Norway in early 1900s. She grew up near Brockway MT in McCona County, attended high school in Buffalo, NY and graduated 1947 from Montana State University (now University of Montana). Irene had a long career in journalism, including writing and editing papers in Bismarck, Williston and Mandan ND, and a number of years for the Mitchell Daily Republic in South Dakota, and was prominent in women’s career groups. She published a history of her family’s early years in Montana “I Call It Adventure” and a volume of poetry. She also wrote several novels (unpublished) including “The Three Red Hills.” Her later
years were spent in Mitchell, and following a stroke, for a number of years she lived at the Firesteel Health Center in Mitchell. As a resident she continued her journalistic endeavors, writing for the newsletter, and was an avid photographer. In 2012 two of her photographs won the South Dakota MasterWorks Artshow Masters Photography 80+ category. (Excerpt from obituary published in *The Daily Republic*, Mitchell, South Dakota. November 22, 2014)

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