Eleanor (Lunde) Karlen

November 4, 1911 – October 3, 1990

Eleanor Lunde Karlen, 79, of Sioux Falls, SD died on October 3, 1990. Eleanor Lunde was born on November 4, 1911 in Minneapolis, MN to Gilbert and Lena (Melby) Lunde. The family moved to Mitchell, SD when she was 4 years old. She attended the school in Minnesota in Faribault Normal School. After she finished there she returned home to live with her family.

On January 9, 1940 she was married to Karl Karlan at DeSmet, SD. They lived near Fedora SD, Vilas, Howard, Madison, and Winfred. After Karl's death she lived in Watertown, Chamberlain and Sioux Falls, SD.

Eleanor was a friendly and gentle woman. She was a member of the East Side Lutheran Chruch; Bergland Senior Citizens Center and the Deaf Community Center.

Survivors include her son, Robert, Chamberlain, SD and her daughter, Dorothy Williams, Sioux Falls, SD; 6 grandchildren, Debra Clarambeau, Rantoul, IL, Robert Karlan, Jr and Kristi Kirkpatrick, Chamberlain, SD, Kelly Conger, Sturgis, SD, Krista Martin and Joid Williams, Sioux Falls, SD; great grandchildren, Miranda Martin, Acacia and Cassandra Clarambeau, and Breanna Kirkpatrick; one sister, Alice Besch, San Bernardino, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son; and one brother.

Funeral arrangements were made by Willoughby Funeral Home in Howard, SD. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. at the East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, officiating by Rev. Eugene Tjarks. The interment was at Graceland Cemetery in Howard, SD.

