Grace L. (Tucker) Kaple

July 18, 1931 – May 10, 2024



Grace L. Kaple, 92, of Sioux Falls, SD passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Dells Nursing and Rehabilitation, Dell Rapids, SD.

Funeral Service was held on, May 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church Ministries for the Deaf, 4801 E. 6th Street with burial at Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls, SD.

Visitation with the family present to greet friends on May 14 at Miller Funeral Home Southside Chapel, 7400 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD.

Grace Lavaune Tucker, daughter of William and Blanche (Solomon) Tucker, was born July 18, 1931, in Crofton, NE. She grew up in that area. She was a cook and dishwasher at the Crofton Café.

Grace married Ralph Otteman on November 19, 1950. He passed away a year later. To this union, they were blessed with one child, Daniel. Four years later, Grace was blessed with another son, David. They moved to Sioux Falls, SD.

Grace was united in marriage with Laurell J. Kaple on December 28, 1964. They were blessed with a son Laurell E. Kaple. They lived in Sioux Falls. She started working at Sioux Valley Hospital as a laundry helper for six years. She began cleaning for a Systems Management for the next 13 years. She retired in 2000.

She was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church for Deaf Ministries. She has been a member of the Senior Citizen Club for the Deaf since 1982. She was also a member of the South Dakota Association for the Deaf since 1967. A member of the Style Club from 1970-1980. SFAD Bowling Team for many years.

Grace enjoyed puzzles, word puzzles, sewing, playing cards, and helping others.

Grateful for having shared her life are her three sons, Daniel (Judy Dreesen) Otteman, Yankton, SD, David Otteman (Bryan Feuerhelm), and Laurell Kaple, all of Sioux Falls, SD; three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren, Amy (Sean) Mulloy and their children, Aiden, Conor; KayLynn (Justin) Smorawske, and their children, Lauren, Quinn; and Sara (Sean) Bray; two sisters, Susan Tanoue, Clara Navratil; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She loved her canine friends, Toby and Ricki.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two husbands, Ralph Otteman and Laurell J. Kaple; two brother-in-laws, Joseph Navratil and George Tanoue.