

Jona Jean (Burkle) Rohde

March 2, 1932 – November 12, 2020

Jona Jean Rohde, 88, of Watertown, South Dakota, passed away on November 12, 2020, at Jenkins Living Center in Watertown.

Jona was born on March 2, 1932, in Fredonia, North Dakota, to Rudolf and Lydia (Batch) Burkle. She attended the North Dakota School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, graduating in 1952.

On December 26, 1953, she married Duane Rohde in Watertown. They shared 61 years of marriage.

She worked at Star Laundry for several years and spent 17 years working in food service at the senior high school.

Jona enjoyed cooking, baking, and sewing. She was active in Deaf community events and was a member of the South Dakota Association of the Deaf and South Dakota Deaf Senior Citizens.

She was survived by her three children, Peter Rohde and his wife, Audrey, of Watertown; Andy Rohde and his wife, Diane, of Peoria, Arizona; and Jenna Kannas and her husband, Kevin, of Watertown; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane; her parents; and her siblings.

Private family graveside services were held on November 16, 2020, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown, with the Rev. Jen Tyler officiating. Arrangements were handled by Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel.

