Florence J. (Granum) Berke

July 30, 1932 – October 4, 2004



Florence J. Berke, 72, of Sioux Falls, died on Monday, October 4, 2004 at Avera McKennan Hospital.

Florence, daughter of Selmer and Eleanora (Nelson) Granum, was born July 30, 1932, in Sioux Falls, SD. She grew up and received her education there.

She married Jerrold Berke on August 16, 1952, in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple remained in Sioux Falls and began to raise a family. She worked at various jobs, including babysitting, cake decorating and briefly at Raven's before going to work at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in the fall of 1968. She worked there for 25 years before retiring in 1994. After retirement, she wintered at Mesa, AZ with her husband.



Florence was a strong-willing and determined woman that ran a tight ship. She loved to travel and camp almost anywhere. She was a charter member of Grace Lutheran Church, a member of the South Dakota Association of the Deaf, and enjoyed attending her Avon coffee parties.

Grateful for having shared her life were her husband, Jerrold Berke, Sioux Falls, SD; four sons, Greg Berke and his wife, Heidi, Sioux Falls, SD, Jerry Berke, Jr. and his wife, Becky, Sioux Falls, SD, Robin Berke, Yankton, SD Bruce Berke and his wife, Renae, Sioux Falls, SD; a daughter, Deb Barber, and her husband, Jerry, Tea, SD; 14 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Edwin Granum and his wife, Jackie, Estelline, SD, Orville Granum, Sioux Falls, SD; two sisters, ouise Lydic and her husband, Bill, Chester, SD, LaVonne Dafoe, Sioux Falls, SD; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Allen, Raymond, Melvin; an infant daughter, Dianna; and an infant granddaughter, Cynthia.



Services began at 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at the Miller funeral Home Valley View Chapel, 41st and Valley View with burial at Hills of Rest Memorial Park. Visitation began at 12 PM on Wednesday at the Valley View Chapel, with the family present from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Wednesday.