PETERSEN, Ardene S. (Ruden)

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Ardene S. Petersen



Ardene S. Petersen, age 77, of Holstein, formerly of Viborg, SD, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Horn Memorial Hospital of Ida Grove. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the United Methodist Church of Viborg with Rev. Andy Bartel officiating. Burial was at the Hurley Cemetery of Hurley, SD. The Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Holstein is in charge of the arrangements.

She was born on June 23, 1931 in Sioux City, Iowa. Ardene Shirley (Ruden) Petersen was the daughter of Melvin and Alvina Ruden. She grew up in Hurley, South Dakota, where she attended school and graduated from Hurley High School in 1949.

Following graduation from high school, Ardene went on to college and earned a degree in elementary education. She taught school for 35 years in the Viborg School District before retiring in 1994.

On May 23, 1954, Ardene married Wayne F. Petersen in Viborg, South Dakota. The couple was blessed with three daughters, Debra, Janna and Sandra. They made their home in Viborg until moving to Iowa. She enjoyed many things throughout her life especially sewing, square dancing, fishing and camping with her husband. She was a member of the Eastern Star for 50 years. She treasured time spent with her family and her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne; three daughters, Debra (Scott) Lloyd of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Janna (Rex) Jorgensen of Sioux City, Iowa, and Sandra (Larry) Goettsch of Ida Grove; and seven grandchildren, Nicole, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Maria, Ryan, Loren and Allison.

Ardene was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to United Methodist Church of Viborg, South Dakota.