FARUS, Joanne K. (Peterson)

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Viborg
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JOANNE K. FARUS



Joanne Kaye Farus was born November 20, 1943 in Viborg. Her parents were Ralph "Rass" and Marjorie (Nelson) Peterson.

She graduated from Viborg High School in 1961. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Dakota/ Springfield. A devoted teacher in Early Childhood, she was awarded "Teacher of the Year" honors in every community in which she taught. She left a legacy to her students for them to believe in themselves and grow into respectful and caring individuals. While living in Pierre, Joanne was honored as the first recipient chosen as "Career Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women's Association. She loved and was an active member of the PEO Sisterhood and held many offices including serving as president in 4 communities. She was involved in chartering the first PEO Chapter in Ada, OK where she also served as president. She was a faithful member of the Verdigris United Methodist Church.

Services were held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg. Joanne rests in the Evergreen Cemetery. Scott Kaufman, Jeremy McGregor, Steve Vlk, Eric Hohman, Ryan Peterson and Brandon Scales were pallbearers.

She was preceded in death by her son Jason Thomas, her parents, her in-laws Billy and Marian Farus, a nephew James Peterson and a brother-in-law Bruce Farus.

Joanne is survived by her husband Tom of Claremore, OK; a daughter Katherine (Brandon) Scales of Claremore, OK; 2 granddaughters Karissa Scales and Taylor Paige Durr; 1 brother Dale (Bev) Peterson of Viborg; 1 sister-in-law Karen Farus of Sioux Falls; and other relatives and friends.