

December 30, 2003

## **Obit: Margaret R. Gustafson**



- Margaret Rahja Gustafson, 82, a native and long-time resident of Frederick, SD, died Dec. 18, 2003 at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, MD, of congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

- Mrs. Gustafson was born Jun. 20, 1921, to Andrew and Ruth Rahja. She attended Frederick Elementary and High Schools and one year of Business College at Grand Island, NE. She was employed by the First National Bank of Frederick in Jan. 1941, and served the bank for 40 years. She married Edwin Gustafson, also of Frederick, on Dec. 31, 1944. Mrs. Gustafson's husband

died in 1956 and she raised their three children. She received her South Dakota real estate license in 1980. Mrs. Gustafson was very active in community service, and was a board member and officer of several civic organizations, the Alpha Circle Club, and the Emma Burnham Library Board. Mrs. Gustafson was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Frederick.

- She moved to the National Lutheran Home in Jun. 2000. Survivors include her three children, Jim Gustafson of Geneva, IL; Ramona Lessen of Germantown, MD; and Sally Hutchins of Fairfax, VA; and three grandchildren: Edward and Eric Gustafson and Katie Hutchins. Margaret is also survived by her brother, Gilbert Rahja, of Aberdeen, SD. A memorial service will be held in Frederick, SD at a later date.