

August 31, 2004

## **Obit: JoEllen Herman**

- Memorial services for JoEllen Herman, 56, will be 10:30am, Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Rev. Grant Piehl will officiate. Inurnment will follow in the Conde Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The family is requested to meet at the Herman's home by 9:45am.
- Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday beginning at 2:00pm with a prayer service at 7:00pm.
- JoEllen died Saturday, August 28, 2004 at her home in Conde, in the presence of her loved ones, after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).
- JoEllen Lea Herman was born on April 8, 1948 to Arthur and Irene (Naasz) Pfaff in Miller, SD. She lived with

her family in Hosmer until 1957 when they moved to Conde. JoEllen attended Conde High School graduating in 1966. She continued her education at South Dakota State University in Brookings graduating in 1970 with a Home Economics Degree. On June 7, 1970 she married Bruce Herman in Conde. JoEllen taught at Northwestern High School in Mellette until 1975. JoEllen chose to stay at home with her children while they grew up. From 1991-1996, she was employed by Web Water Development and was an educational consultant for the SD Pork Producers Council. At the time of her disability, she was employed by the Ramada Inn in Aberdeen as the Banquet Manager.

- JoEllen was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she was active as church secretary until the time of her illness. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and co-editor of the Legion newsletter. When time allowed, JoEllen enjoyed crafts of all kinds, bowling, being outside, and supporting her kids through all their activities!
- Grateful for having shared in her life are her husband, Bruce of Conde; two daughters, Heather Herman of Sioux Falls and Sonja Herman of Fargo, ND; mother, Irene Pfaff of Groton; one brother, Jerel (LeeAnn) Pfaff of Sioux Falls; one sister, Julie (Denny) Harry of Mahtomedi, MN and many friends.
- Preceding her in death was her father.
- Memorials may be directed to MDA-ALS Division, 4120 South Elmwood Place, Sioux Falls SD, 57105.

