

Ruth Hoops, 82 ^{June 27, 2012}

Ruth Hoops, 82, Groton, was called home peacefully Sunday, June 24, 2012 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, SD, at the age of 82.

Her funeral was Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, with the Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. Visitation was held at the church, Tuesday, with a prayer service.



Ruth Marie Bell was born May 7, 1930 to Frank and Matilda (Glasmann) Bell, Leola, SD. She was baptized at St. Jame's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leola, June 3, 1930. Her family moved to North Dakota, where she attended school. She spoke and sang only in German, until she was 5 years old. She was a survivor of polio, when she was 14 years old. In 1946, her family moved to Ferney, SD.

She married James LeRoy Hoops, November 14, 1950 in Ferney. They made their final home 2 miles north of Ferney. Together they raised eight children.

Ruth played the organ, accordion and piano by ear, and never took a music lesson. She was a member and played with Frank Bell and His Bell-Aires, alongside members of her family. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ferney. Over the years, she worked at First National Bank, Groton; the Wheel Inn, Ferney; Dakotah, Pierpont, and Fritz's Place, when located in Groton. She enjoyed custom combining with her husband and children. She spent the last two years at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James L. Hoops; son, Robert Hoops; granddaughter, Crystal (Hoops) LeBeau, and one great granddaughter, Rebecca Hoops.

Grateful for having shared Ruth's life are three sons, Charles (Kathy) Hoops, Arkansas City, Kan.; David Hoops (Nina Smith) and James (Barb) Hoops, both of Ferney; four daughters, Karen Bonn, Andover, SD; Bonnie (Jim) Mortenson, Aberdeen, SD; Sandy Hoops, Groton, and Vicki (Warren) Pigors; Conde, SD; 31 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and many dear friends.

Casketbearers were her grandsons, Richard Hoops, Patrick Hoops, Cody Bonn, Matt Anderson, Jared Anderson, Chris Pigors, Gerrett Pigors, Aaron Herman, Hayden Pigors and Ethan Pigors. Honorary casketbearers included her grandchildren and great grandchildren.