

## *Ann Marie Matheny, 88*

Ann Marie Matheny, 88, Spearfish and formerly of Claremont, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007, at the Belle Fourche Regional Senior Care Center.

A memorial service will be held at the Spearfish United Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007. A graveside service is scheduled for 11 a.m., August 24, 2007 at Union Cemetery, Groton, followed by lunch at the Claremont United Methodist Church. Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels, Spearfish, and Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, are in charge of arrangements. A memorial has been established to benefit the High Plains Western Heritage Center, Spearfish.

Ann Marie Schuller was born November 9, 1918 to Bert and Lucile (Winter) Schuller, Claremont. She grew up in the Claremont area, attended rural school, and graduated from Claremont High School. She attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, where she obtained her teaching certificate. She began her teaching career at a rural school, located on the family farm. She later attended South Dakota State College, Brookings, and obtained her bachelors degree in education. Over the years, she taught in Amherst, Claremont, Brookings, Madison, Mobridge and the Watertown area in South Dakota, and Haywarden, Iowa. The well-being of her students was always her guiding principle.

She married Robert Matheny, August 13, 1943 at Camp Campbell, Ky. They moved frequently over the years, due to his work and enjoyed each community they lived in. The United Methodist Church was an important part of her life. She always participated fully in church activities in each town they lived in. During the years they spent in Pierre, she thoroughly enjoyed the Legislative sessions and spent much of her time lobbying for her personal beliefs. Her involvement with the Oahe Issue, during the 1970's, was a highlight of her activities.

After retiring to Spearfish, Bob and Ann spent much of their time involved in volunteer activities, including Meals on Wheels, Grace Balloch Memorial Library, and especially working at the High Plains Western Heritage Center. She loved the history of each community she lived in, and was interested in the preservation of each place.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, Spearfish; one daughter, Ann L. Matheny, Spearfish; one nephew, Roger (Shirley) Schuller, Claremont; one niece, Linda (Blair) Tremere, Golden Valley, Minn.; and one grand nephew Matthew (Audrey) Schuller, Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Schuller and George Schuller, Claremont.