

Marie Patterson, 80

Marie Ann (Ness) Patterson, 80, Claremont, SD, gracefully accepted God's outstretched hand and entered into her Heavenly home, Friday, April 8, 2016, after suffering a short, but fatal bout of pneumonia.

The celebration of Marie's life began with visitation at the Claremont United Methodist Church, Monday evening, April 11, 2016, with a prayer service. Her funeral was Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Claremont United Methodist Church, officiated by Pastor Gwen Mader. Interment followed at the Britton Cemetery, with Price Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.



Marie Ann Ness was born July 20, 1935 in Langford, SD, to Elmer and Alice (Enger) Ness. She was the second of six children. She lived out her childhood and teen years on various farms, before becoming the shy and beautiful bride of Elwood Eugene Patterson, September 27, 1959. They began their journey as husband and wife in Britton, and then moved to rural Britton, before making their way to Claremont, where Elwood became the manager for Farmer's Union.

Marie spent a large portion of her young adult years being an incredibly dedicated wife to Elwood and mother to their children. She created one of the most warm and inviting homes a family could ever hope for.

She took her responsibilities as a homemaker very seriously, but she also found the time to clean cars, paint walls, fences, lawn furniture, doors, benches, flower pots, frames and anything else she could think in order to spruce it up and make it look better. She not only kept a clean and well-managed household, but also found time to clean for others in their homes, and held cleaning jobs at the bank, bowling alley and church in Claremont for many years. She loved to shop, draw pictures in her memory book, take her nightly pickup ride with Elwood, and share numerous stories from the chapters of her life for anyone that was willing to listen.

She has five amazing grandchildren and they were all incredibly special to her and were instrumental in the creation of several wonderful memories "Grandma Patterson" has surely taken with her to Heaven.

She is survived by one brother, Jerome (Leona) Ness, Britton; two sisters, Dorothy (Keith) Porter, Albert Lea, Minn., and Joyce Hagenson, Fargo; two daughters, Becky (Don) Wegleitner, Claremont, and Beverly (Don Schatz, Jr.) Patterson, Bismarck ND; one son, Leon (Jr) Patterson, Claremont, four granddaughters, Andrea (Shawn) Engelmänn, Aberdeen; Allison (Dan Hamik) Wegleitner, Worthing, SD; April Wegleitner, Fargo ND, and Sarah Patterson, Aberdeen, and one grandson, Scott Patterson, Claremont, as well as numerous cherished nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Alice Ness; her husband, Elwood Patterson, as well as siblings, Deloris Hagen and Harold Ness.

Pallbearers were Lorrie Sanderson, Lee Loebs, Doug Hinrichs, Terry Haaland, Steve Stanley and Jeff Stohr.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Becky Wegleitner, 11831 409th Ave., Claremont, SD 57432. An online guestbook and obituary is available at www.pricefuneralchapel.net.