

JoAnne Pigors

JoAnne Pigors, 74, of Ferney, died August 24, 2000 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2000, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney, with the Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial followed in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

JoAnne was born on June 2, 1926 to Gerrit and Mary (Vander Stoep) Van De Brake at their home in Day County. She attended elementary school at the Litzskow Country school in Day county and graduated from Groton High in 1943. She spent a year in Yakima, Wash., working in a fruit orchard. On June 11, 1944 she married Ewald (Abe) Pigors. They made their home on the farm until 1976 when she and her husband retired to a home in Ferney due to poor health. Ewald died on December 15, 1988. She continued to make her home in Ferney until the time of her death.

She became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in June of 1945 and has served as a teacher there in Sunday school, teen Bible class and vacation bible school. She also served as a choir director for eight years. She was member of the LWML for over 50 years where she held all offices. JoAnne was a delegate to the International LWML Convention in Houston in 1969. She belonged to the Publicity Circle, since its organization in 1963, and held all offices.



She enjoyed helping on the farm, gardening, canning, flowers and music. She also took pleasure in writing humorous poetry and skits. She was master of ceremonies for many celebrations of friends and relatives.

She is survived by three sons: Larry (Elaine) of Aberdeen; Kenneth (Bonnie) of Ferney; Gregory (Barbara) of Ferney, one daughter Jeanne (Daniel) Proux of Fairbanks, Alaska, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters; Elsie Foster of LaPuente, Calif., and Jessie Thompson of Des Moines, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Stanley (1956) three brothers and one sister.