Mrs. Tollefson

Josephine Emelia Tollefson, 87, Aberdeen was dead on arrival Tuesday morning, July 11, at St. Luke's Hospital.

The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon, July 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. John V. Halvorson and the Rev. Ronald Prasek officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

The organist at the service was Mrs. Arliss Alberts and the soloist, Kristi Vensand.

The ushers were Del Dawson and Ken Mohn. Casket bearers were Eugene Young and Erlenn Rasmussen of Aberdeen, Kenneth Jark of Stratford and Royal "Bud" Wood, Charles Seaman and Ted Neiger of Warner.

Josephine Emelis Buene, the daughter of John J. and Ingeborg Wangen Buene, was born near Columbia on February 4, 1891, and she grew up and attended school in that area. She later earned her teaching certificate at Northern Normal and Industrial School and taught rural school in Brown County. She was married to Ernest George Tollefson on her parents farm near Columbia on December 15, 1915 and they farmed near Sand Lake until 1955, when they moved to Aberdeen. She and her husband owned and operated the Hub City Livestock Pavilion until his death in 1967. She has continued to live in Aberdeen. She and her husband traveled extensively all over the world.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women. She was a past officer of the Aberdeen Women's Club, a member of the YMCA Board, the Travel and Hobby Club, past chaplain of the Minerva Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and past president of the Houghton ALCW.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. John (Ellen) Lukken, Mrs. Giles (Ereka) Anderson and Mrs. Virgil (Clara) Thompson, all of Aberdeen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister.