Martha Hanson

Sept 1, 1941 - March 6, 2012





Martha Lila (Tollefson) Hanson, age 70, passed away March 6, 2012 at Sanford Hospital. Martha was born September 1, 1941 to Lyle and Dorene Tollefson in Letcher, SD. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1959 and went on to graduate from National School of Business in Rapid City, SD. Martha worked at C & C Tropical Fish in Sioux Falls until being transferred to Minneapolis. Martha lived in Minneapolis from 1963 to 2003. Her employment included working as a secretary for the regional manager of Sternco Industries (aquarium supply) for approximately 14 years. She also worked as a manager of a gift shop for approximately 14 years. On June 6, 1980 she married James C. Hanson in Butterfield, MN. She was a member of Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN, and a lifetime member of the VFW. Martha and Jim enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include siblings; Darrell Tollefson, Gloria Tuffs, Garry Tollefson, Gene Tollefson, Herbert Tollefson and Dorene Polz; and her many cherished nieces and nephews. Martha is also survived by Ryan Polz whom she considered her son as well as Tatiana Jacobs and her two children, Brandon and Daron.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband James, her father Lyle Tollefson, three nephews, one great niece, five brother-in-laws, two sister-in-laws and one brother, Randy Tollefson.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Heritage Funeral Home with burial at Ft. Snelling Cemetery in Minneapolis. Visitation will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. with family present 6-8 p.m. www.heritagesfsd.com