

Beatta Alice was born December 11, 1941, the eldest daughter, to Haakon M. and Evelyn (Smith) Hove on the farm near Beaver Creek. She was raised in the Lutheran Faith and Baptized and Confirmed at the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. Beatta attended Hofflund School through her elementary years and then attended high school in Ray, ND for her first two years and graduated from Tioga High School in 1959. Beatta was swept off her feet by a Tioga bough, Ronald "Gabby" Gilbertson and the two wed on February 21, 1959 at the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. Together they raised two daughters and made Tioga their home these many years. Their home was always active and busy with conversation, Gabby and Beatta "talked constantly; one might have asked from time to time who was actually listening! Beatta worked outside of the home after her daughters were of age and stepped into the oil business early where she worked as an office manager and more; first for Hunt Oil for eleven years and then seventeen years for the local Amoco Pipeline. Church was always an important part of Beatta's life. She gave of her time, talents and treasure as a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She enjoyed the Ladies Aid, quilting guild, and WMF. Music too was an important talent Beatta had and she and her family sang often for Church, charitable, and community entertainment event opportunities throughout the upper midwest area in band form, known as "Family Praise." Beatta also shared her love for Rosemaling and taught the art to many over the years. Beatta died after a lengthy illness on Wednesday evening July 14, 2010 at the Tioga Hospital with her life partner at her side. She leaves to mourn and to "celebrate her new life in Christ" her husband, Gabby, two daughters: Rita and Lyle Oleson, of Gillette, WY and their children, Courtney and Jacob, Shirley and Tom Qualley, and their children, Amber and Rachelle; six grandchildren; Kale, Kaleb, Riley, Isabella, Bridgette and Zakary, one sister; Luella (Dennis) Larson, of Auburn, WA, three brothers; Melvin and Donna Hove, of Huntington Beach, CA, Lyle and Ilene Hove, of Louisville, KY, and Leland Hove, of Gillette, WY, a brother-in-law, Gary Ritterman, of Leeds, ND and many nieces and nephews. Beatta was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Janette Ritterman and a great Grandson, Jackson Miller.