

Eleanor J. Thorsen

Eleanor J. Thorsen, Grand Forks, ND died Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in her home under hospice care.



Eleanor Jane Thorsen was born June 26, 1940 the daughter of Ojal M. and Edna C. (Olson) Thorsen-Kraus in St. Paul, MN. She moved

to Grand Forks, ND in 1945 and graduated from Grand Forks Central High in 1958. She also attended the University of North Dakota.

Eleanor was self employed for the greater part of her life managing the Family Farm Land business. She had a great talent with words and humor which enabled her to be an editor of numerous newsletters over the years. She was the past president of the Twin Forks Dog Training Club, a past director of the Grand Forks Humane Society and past board member/officer of the Grand Forks Kennel Club. She owned and operated Kimbrick Kennels and bred, owned, trained and showed many champion Labrador Retrievers.

She was an avid gardener receiving many accolades for her efforts and never missed a year of entering her needlework in the county fair, wherein her handiwork always received a blue ribbon. She gifted many of her pieces to include the blue ribbon and a note of the year it was entered at the fair. Being a part of the community and enjoying her family and friends was always very important to her. She enjoyed cooking traditional Bohemian, German, Norwegian cuisines, as well as finding time to make life better for those less fortunate through numerous charitable acts.

She is survived by her daughter, Jane M. (Dino) Marinelli, Vista, CA and a son, Marc D. Schanillec, Grand Forks, ND; granddaughters, Brittney Kennedy, Salt Lake City, UT, Kelly Kennedy, Grand Forks, ND, Sarah Kennedy, Vista, CA and Nicole Hinkley, Jonesboro, AR.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James D. Thorsen.

Funeral Service: Per her wishes, a summer service for memorial and burial is being planned by her family.

The online memorial registry may be signed at www.norman-funeral.com
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