

## Jean J. Hesse

Jean J. Hesse, 77, Grand Forks, North Dakota, died Monday, May 1, 2006 in Altru Hospital, Grand Forks.



Jean Joyce Brage was born to Fred and Alice (Peterson) Brage on February 23, 1929 in Stafford Township, Roseau County,

Minnesota. She grew up and attended school in Warren, Minnesota.

Jean married Adelbert Hesse on March 5, 1949 in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Mr. Hesse died December 7, 1987.

In her 12 years as a Foster Grandparent with the Headstart Program in Grand Forks, she was a foster grandparent to over 100 children. A shopping day was always full of hugs and kisses as she shopped. Inevitably she would see a few of her foster grandchildren.

For entertainment she loved to watch her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow, learn and play. She also enjoyed the frequent road trips with her friends in the apartment building.

She had a passion for family, baking, and friends. She never wanted to give up her time with the foster grandchildren, even when her health began to fail. When she was not working, she kept busy with baking. Her freezer was always full. You never left her home without a bag full of baked goods. If you invited her for dinner, she came prepared to feed a crew.

She is survived by her children, Michele Mazur, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Kathleen 'Suzy' (Clair) Ellison, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Ronda (Rick) Hogan, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Adele (David) Rosencrans, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, Pauleen (John) Hinkley, Halstad, Minnesota; 8 grandchildren, Sherry (Russ) Rarick, Christopher (Nick) Ellison, Alica Moreland, Ashleigh Hogan, Chad Rosencrans, Katie Hinkley, Nathan Hinkley, Suzanne Rosencrans; 4 great-grandchildren, Brady Rarick, Samantha Rarick, Mason Moreland, Caitlynn Ellison; hundreds of Foster grandchildren; siblings, Iola (Gil) Haugan, Brandon, South Dakota, Janet Johnson, Kent, Washington, Carol Fickbohm, Yankton, South Dakota, Dennis Brage, Northwood, North Dakota, Ruth (Ray) Dohman, Climax, Minnesota, Richard (Susan) Brage, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 3 sons, Darwin Stack, Paul and Robert; 5 daughters, Sherry, Helen, Ellen, Phyllis, and Janice; brothers Victor, LeRoy, Russell, and a sister, Dorothy.

**Services:** Will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006 in United Lutheran Church, Grand Forks.

**Visitation:** Will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service Thursday in Amundson Funeral Home, 2975 S. 42nd St., Grand Forks, and for the hour prior to the service in the church.

**Interment:** Will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks.

Memorials are preferred to the Grand Forks Foster Grandparent Program. [www.amundsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.amundsonfuneralhome.com)