

Joyce M. Axelsen

Joyce M. Axelsen, 76, Grand Forks, ND died Monday, April 23, 2007 in Valley Memorial Home Woodside Village, Grand Forks with her daughter, son-in-law and close friends by her side.



Joyce Marie Molstad was born June 5, 1930 in Grand Forks, the daughter of James and Mabel (Olson) Molstad. She was raised and educated

in Grand Forks and graduated from Central High School. She married Ronald Axelsen on September 11, 1949 in Grand Forks.

At the age of 17, Joyce began working as a private stenographer for J.B. Bridston. Within two years, she had begun working in the insurance department and later was made a supervisor. In 1965, she was appointed office manager, and in 1975, she purchased the agency which became J.A. Insurance.

Joyce served on the Independent Insurance Agents board of directors as treasurer, Secretary, vice president and was the first woman to hold the position of president. She was also named professional insurance agent of the year for North Dakota.

Joyce loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandson, Christopher. She enjoyed golf, Fighting Sioux Hockey and time at the lake. She was active in the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, United Lutheran Church and the Grand Forks Homemakers Club.

Joyce will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Jodi (Mark) Kieffer, Grand Forks; grandson, Christopher Kieffer, Grand Forks; sisters-in-law, Gladys Molstad, Grand Forks and Evie Molstad, Grand Forks, and many close, loving friends.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Axelsen; husband, Ron; her parents, and by brothers, Myron, Robert "Bobby" and James "Bert".

Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday April 26, 2007 in United Lutheran Church, 324 Chestnut St. Grand Forks, ND.

Visitation will be Wednesday (today) from 5 to 7:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service in Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks. Visitation will continue for the hour before the service in the church.

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Arrangements are with Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks.