

Judy Rae Cooke

Judy Rae Cooke, 63, Fargo, ND, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, in MeritCare Hospital, Fargo, surrounded by her loving family.



Judy was born September 22, 1940, in Grand Forks, ND, the daughter of Elvina (Ulness) and Alfred (Rex) Reginald Hobbs. She grew up in

Grand Forks.

Judy married Donald J. Cooke, on August 11, 1961. In June of 1962, she received a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Elementary Education at the University of North Dakota. From 1962 to 1968, Judy taught first grade at Washington School, Grand Forks and then at the Grand Forks AFB. Shortly after their only daughter, Linda, was born, Donald was stationed in Japan for three years. Judy worked as kindergarten head teacher at Narimasa Kindergarten Grant Heights Fachikaway Air Force Base, Tokyo.

In August 1969, the family returned to Fargo, ND, where Judy began her teaching career with Fargo Public Schools. She taught third grade at Lewis and Clark Elementary School from 1969 to 2001. She truly enjoyed sharing her experiences from the Japanese culture with celebrations of food, games and Japanese dress. Over her 38 years of teaching, she had the incredible opportunity to teach 873 students. In May 2001, Judy retired.

Judy had a special talent for painting and drawing. She had a green thumb when it came to flowers. She loved to play the piano, read and follow her granddaughters' activities. She loved spending time at the lake.

Judy is lovingly survived by her daughter, Linda (Les) Skunberg; grandchildren, Samantha and Kelsey Skunberg; and fiancé, Garryle B. Stewart and his family, all of Fargo, ND.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, who died in 1990; and her parents.

Funeral Service: Friday, June 25, 2004, at 11 a.m., at Hope Lutheran Church - North Campus, Fargo, ND.

Visitation: One hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial: Memorial Park, Grand Forks, ND.
Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo, ND