

ARMBRUSTER - Karen Lee Armbruster of Brooks, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 26th, 2014 at Sunrise Gardens, with her family by her side, at the age of 77 years. Karen was born in Warren, Minnesota on August 5th, 1937 where she completed her schooling. She received her LPN at the University of North Dakota, where she met her husband Joe. Karen and Joe were married on November 25th, 1956. Karen will be remembered for her 30 years of service to the Brooks Public Library. She loved to read, tell stories to children, travel, and spend time with her family. Karen was a strong advocate for literacy through her association with Shortgrass Library System, her speaking at many storytelling workshops and conferences. Karen was predeceased by her parents Una Mae and Gerry Magoris; brothers John and Lynn Magoris and grandson Benjamin Armbruster. Left to cherish her memory is her husband Joe, of 58 years; her children Kim and Randy Philpott, Jeff Armbruster and Kris and Ben Ledene; sister Jayne (Bill) Wisler; brothers Tom (Annie) Magoris and Greg Magoris; grandchildren Tara (Damien) Greene, Matthew Philpott, Stephen Philpott, Daniel Armbruster, Kerri (Andrew) Campbell, Oliver Ledene, Elizabeth Ledene and Adam Ledene; great grandchildren Ava, Cohen and Gracy Greene and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 1st at 2:00 PM from Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Janice Whitelock of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church and Rev. Ken Grambo officiating. Interment followed at Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Karen, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to either Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3 or the Alzheimer's Society of Alberta, 401 D - 3rd Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A OGB. Funeral arrangements in care of SMITH FUNERAL HOME, BROOKS, ALBERTA. Condolences may be forwarded through www.sfh.ca Telephone 403-362-4636 or Toll Free (866) 362-4652.