Mary Gebhard, 81, of Wecota, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Mary Jane was born February 22, 1931 to Emil and Laura (Fersdahl) Hansen in Sioux Falls. She attended and graduated from Washington High School. On August 6, 1988 she married Dean Gebhard in Sioux Falls and together they made their home on a farm near Wecota, South Dakota. She enjoyed collecting rocks, reading, making "one of a kind" special cards, and being in nature. In her early years, she was a 4-H leader and Sunday School Teacher. Mary was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and she took great pride in being there for her family.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dean Gebhard of Wecota; sons: Terry (Kelley) Beck of Sioux Falls, Steve Beck of Canton, Kevin (Ginger) Beck of Worthing and Steven (Zelda) Gebhard of Edgeley, ND; daughters: Angie (Terry) Graves of Fort Collins, CO and Valerie (Bruce) Ereth of Gering, NE; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; special friend, Bonnie Loken and special sister-in-law, Lois Hanson.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Tom; sisters, Margaret and Elinor; and sons, infant Vincent Roberts Beck and Vincent "Vince" Roberts Beck.

***Arrangements Entrusted To***

Luce FUNERAL HOME

***Faulkton, South Dakota***
***www.familyfuneralhome.net***

In Loving Memory

*"Dean"*

*He was my husband*
*He was my friend,*
*Nothing will ever change*
*There will never be an end.*
*Life goes on in the*
*Next generation,*
*That's what God planned*
*Throughout creation.*
*Family and those*
*You love,*
*Have only to look at*
*The earth and above.*
*The flowers bloom and*
*Then they die,*
*But give them time, they'll*
*Live again and reach for the sky.*
*So always look at each*
*Day as a gift,*
*But if it gets too hard,*
*You can always ask God for a lift.*

*Love to you all,*
*Mary*

*In Loving Memory*

# Mary Jane Gebhard

February 22, 1931
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

May 2, 2012
Aberdeen, South Dakota

***FUNERAL SERVICE***

10:00 a.m., Monday, May 7, 2012
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Wecota, South Dakota

***OFFICIATING***

Rev. Timothy Koch

***CASKETBEARERS***

Bryan Gebhard
Alan Gebhard
Clark Gebhard
Alex Gebhard
Nicholas Beck
Ryan Beck
Chris Beck
Benjamin Wolf
Joshua Beck
Thomas Beck
Matthew Johnson

***HONORARY CASKETBEARERS***

Ashley Beck
Danielle Beck
Jessica Wolf
Isabel Wolf
Michaela Beck

***USHERS***

Dave Heidenreich & Bob Rusch

***ORGANIST***

Phylis Melius

***MUSIC SELECTIONS***

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
*"Amazing Grace"*
*"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

***INTERMENT***

5:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012
Forest Hill Cemetery
Canton, South Dakota