

12/29/2012 - Connie Poitra

Funeral services for Connie Poitra of Chadron, Nebraska will be held on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Chamberlain Chapel in Chadron with Reverend Peter Bertram officiating. Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Chadron. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Chamberlain Chapel.

Mrs. Poitra passed away on December 25, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society in Alliance.

Connie was born on January 29, 1938 in Rugby, North Dakota to Wesley and Hazel Moors. She grew up on a farm in Rolette, North Dakota with her three brothers and one sister. She attended high school at Rolette High School. After graduating, she attended Wahpeton School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where she earned her LPN degree.

Connie married her husband Jim Poitra in North Platte, Nebraska fifty years ago. They raised their family in Aurora, Nebraska. Connie and Jim then moved to Chadron, Nebraska where they made their home for thirty-five years.

Connie enjoyed painting and teaching art classes. She was very actively involved in mentoring her fellow art students. She loved taking and showing her paintings at the Crawford 4th of July Western Art Show and Fort Robinson State Park. She also took paintings to Oregon Trail Days and the Willow Tree Festival. She took great joy in traveling by motorcycle across the United States and Canada.

Connie belonged to numerous societies and organizations. She was a member of the Bordeaux Art Society, the Box Butte Art Society, the Western Nebraska Arts of Scottsbluff, the Dakota Artist Guild of Rapid City, South Dakota and the International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers.

Connie is survived by her husband Lawrence James Poitra of Chadron; Daughter, René Poitra-Riley of Berea, Kentucky; Son, Ladd Poitra of Rapid City, South Dakota; Sister, Carol Jobe of Rugby, North Dakota; Brother Dennis Moors of South Dakota; Grandson Nicoli Poitra of Chadron.

A memorial has been established for the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home of Hay Springs or the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Alliance. Donations may be sent to Chamberlain Chapel, PO Box 970, Chadron, NE, 69337.

Online condolences can be made at www.chamberlainchapel.com

Chamberlain Chapel of Chadron is in charge of arrangements.