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BARBARA JEAN (BLEEKE) KENTEL, 61, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, died Sunday, June 29, 2003 at Pasqua Hospital in Regina. Born July 26, 1941 in Adams County, to Edward Gustave Bleeke and Mildred Louise Weber, she was married to Rev. Cliff Kentel on July 25, 1965 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Mrs. Kentel was a teacher for 40 years, teaching at Epiphany, Eau Claire, Wis.; St. Paul, Bremen; Martin Luther Chapel, Pennsauken, N.J.; Trinity, Crown Point; and Prince of Peace, Regina. She was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur on Aug. 17, 1941, attended Immanuel Lutheran School for elementary school, and was confirmed May 15, 1955, also at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was active through caring ministries, outreach and evangelism, music and worship, women's retreats and missionary ministries, Christian education agencies, wellness seminars, Great Commission Convocations, Genesis Consulting (taking steps to start-up Lutheran schools in Canada), planning, visioning, and welcoming people. She also served on many congregational, zone, circuit, district, and national boards and committees. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Cliff Kentel of Regina; sons, Capt. Greg (Isabel) Kentel of Horizon City, Texas, and Matthew Kentel of Orlando, Fla.; mother, Mildred Bleeke of Decatur; brother, Ken (Rosie) Bleeke of Hoagland; and five grandchildren. Service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Decatur, with the Rev. James Bushur officiating. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to service Tuesday at the church. Preferred memorials to Prince of Peace Christian Preschool and Prince of Peace Music Ministry/Outreach. For complete obituary information and condolences visit www.zwickjahn.com

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