

## Janet Cook, 61

*Oct. 20, 1943 - Aug. 30, 2005*

**CUMBERLAND, MD** — Janet S. Cook was born Oct. 20, 1943, in Denver, CO, daughter of Laurine Zastrow of Cumberland and the late Duane Zastrow. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. It was there she met her husband, Gary D. Cook, to whom she was married for 39 years. A professional educator for 35 years, she taught high school in the Norris Public School System in Firth, NE; Irving Junior High School in Lincoln, NE; and Allegany College of Maryland in Cumberland. Her 26 years at Allegany College of Maryland highlighted her career. She was a devoted classroom teacher and earned the respect of her peers. She was the first woman to be honored with the Miriam S. Sanner Award for excellence in teaching. She served as president of the Senate and throughout her years at Allegany College remained politically active in the affairs of the school. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She died Aug. 30, 2005, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Janet is survived by her mother, Laurie Zastrow; her husband, Gary Cook; four sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 2005, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland, MD, with Rev. John J. Duffus officiating. Graveside services were held Sept. 6, 2005 in the Shelby Cemetery.