

ANDERSEN, Lenarda J

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## Lenarda J. Andersen, 42

Ottumwa — Lenarda Andersen, daughter of Leonard and Tabitha Russell Svihel was born June 15, 1938 in Volga, So. Dak. She graduated from Lake Preston high school in 1956 and from South Dakota State University in 1960.

She married Ralph D. Andersen on June 10, 1960 at the United Church of Christ at Lake Preston, So. Dak. This union was blessed with three children. She taught 5th grade at Stickney, Ill., from 1960-61; and also taught school in Audubon in 1964. She taught at Peet Jr. high school in Cedar falls from 1970-78. She was a member of the Iowa State Education Assn.

When the Andersens moved to Ottumwa in 1978, she taught at the Ottumwa Alternative high school for two years. She was teaching at Walsh Jr. high when she became ill and was hospitalized at the Rochester, Minn. Methodist hospital. She died there Sunday, Jan. 18, 1981 at age 42 years.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph of Ottumwa; a son, Brian, of Ames, two daughters, Karia, and Kathy both at home, her parents, Mr and Mrs Leonard Swihel of Lake Preston, So. Dak., and three sisters, Karen Mickelson of Mahtomedi, Minn., Margaret Nelson of Ipswich, So. Dak., and Hallie Reno of Storm Lake.

Funeral services were held at the First Lutheran church in Ottumwa on Thursday, Jan. 22, 1981 with Rev. Paul M. Werger, officiating. Burial was in the Ottumwa cemetery.