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## Elaine Adams, 64

*July 24, 1940 - Dec. 23, 2004*

**SHELBY** — Elaine Lucille Adams, daughter of Leo and Helen (Rodenburg) Larsen, was born July 24, 1940, at Council Bluffs, the oldest of four children in the family. She and her family moved to Walnut when she was a small child. Elaine attended school in Walnut and was a member of the graduating class of 1958 from Walnut High School.

Dec. 4, 1965, Elaine married Donald Adams at Walnut. Two sons were born to this union, John and Thomas. After their marriage, she attended one year of college at Northwest Missouri University at Maryville, MO. Elaine and Donald had made their home in Shelby since 1976. Elaine and Don were active members in the Christian Motorcycle Association, the Gold Wing Touring Association as well as the Retreads of Iowa Motorcycle Club. Elaine was a member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 140 and BYKOTA both in Shelby, and also a member of the Assembly of God Church in Harlan. She died Dec. 23, 2004, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 64 years, four months and 30 days.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and her father, Leo. She is survived by her sons, John Adams of Shelby, and Thomas Adams (Melinda) of New Braunfels, TX; her mother, Helen Manhart of Shelby; three brothers, Melvin Larsen (Suzy) of Walnut; Gene Larsen (Janet) of Walnut; Dennis Larsen (Judy) of Davenport; nieces, nephews, several adopted grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2004, at the Assembly of God Church in Harlan, with Rev. Al Hazelton and Rev. Jim Burnette officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were the Christian Motorcyclist Association members and the Gold Wing Touring Association members. Casket bearers were Doug Rice, Lee McKnabb, Ed Adams, Marty Schueman, Bob Plagman, Mike Horton, Scott Davis and Gary Hanson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, in charge of arrangements.