

Linda Ahrenholtz, 62

Jan. 10, 1944 - Jan. 9, 2007

HARLAN — Linda Lou Ahrenholtz was born Jan. 10, 1944, to Gaylord and Loretta (Abel) Doonan at Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic. She was baptized and confirmed at Monroe Chapel United Methodist Church near Walnut. She attended Monroe Township #1 and graduated from Harlan High School in 1962. Linda continued her education at the University of Nebraska Nursing School in Omaha, NE and became a registered nurse.

Feb. 26, 1966, Linda married Daniel Ahrenholtz at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Three daughters were born to this union, Danielle, Beth, and Holly. She was employed by the Manilla Manor as the Director of Nurses for 13 years. Following that she was employed by WIC (Women, Infants and Children) as Program Director at West Central Development in Harlan, where she retired Feb. 1, 2005. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She had a very strong will that helped her to fight 15 years of breast cancer with a positive attitude. She was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Linda moved to Urbandale in November of 2005 to be closer to her family. The last five weeks of her life she spent at the Mercy Hospice in Johnston. She died Jan. 9, 2007, one day before her 63 birthday.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Gaylord, and her brother, Jamie. Survivors include her daughters, Danielle (Jeff) Johnson of Johnston; Beth (Jason) Walker of Des Moines; and Holly Ahrenholtz of Denver, CO; eight grandchildren, Meredith, Noah, Hannah and Emmett Johnson; Cole, Owen and Evan Walker; and Tyler Peterson; her companion, Wayne Sahl of Denison; her mother, Loretta (Arnold) Petersen of Elk Horn; three sisters, Jane (Dean) Fabian of Elk Horn; Denise (Dennis) Juhl of Colorado Springs, CO; and Ann (Chuck) Wolken of Harlan; and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life service was held Jan. 12, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Dave Swinton officiating. Casket bearers were Lucas Wolken, Branden Doonan, Brad Fabian, Michael Juhl, David Juhl, and Jeremy Juhl. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

