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**Susann Brandes, 61**

**Nov. 24, 1938 – Nov. 6, 2000**

**MINDEN** – Susann Marie Brandes was born Nov. 24, 1938, near Oakland. She was the daughter of Henry and Hallene Freeman Engel and was the oldest of three children in the family. Susie attended school in Underwood, and graduated in 1957.

He married Delmon "Punky" Brandes Nov. 17, 1957, in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of one daughter, Anne. They made their home in the Minden area. She had worked as a bookkeeper for Hansen Oil Company in Underwood, cashier at Burns Brothers and was currently the Branch Manager for Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Minden. She was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ where she had previously served as church treasurer, was currently the treasurer of the Minden Community Club and secretary of the Minden Cemetery Board of Trustees. She died Nov. 6, 2000, at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE, following a short illness at age 61 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband "Punky. She is survived by her daughter, Anne (Terry) Ring of Minden; two granddaughters, Susie of Council Bluffs and Jamie of Minden; her sister, Becky Tindall of Omaha, NE; her brother, Kent Engel of Roselle, IL; two nieces, Meghan and Madysen Tindall of Omaha, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9, 2000, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor David Borden officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Frank Geiger, Paul Nihsen, Bernard Alfes, Alvin Brummer, Phil Spencer and John Stroebel. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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