

Lynn Brightwell, 65

March 5, 1938 - Nov. 15, 2003

CRESTON – Lynne Grace, daughter of Guy E. and Mabel Marie (Cadwell) Miller, was born March 5, 1938, on the family farm near Manilla. She attended country school near her home and graduated from Manilla High School in 1956. She then moved to Des Moines and worked for Equitable Life Insurance Company.

June 6, 1959, she married Charles D. Brightwell at the Methodist Church in Manilla. Three children were born to this union. They made their home in Des Moines until moving to West Virginia for a short time. They then moved to Dow City, where Lynne operated a variety and upholstery store for 15 years. In 1990, they moved to Defiance and Lynne worked at an appliance store in Harlan. In 2003, they moved to Creston to be closer to family. Nov. 15, 2003, Lynne died of cancer at her home in Creston, at age 65 years, eight months and 11 days.

Lynne was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Stella Joan Manthe, Genevieve Vennink and husband, Carol, and Merideth Stauber; brother, Keith Miller; and a brother in infancy. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Brightwell of Creston; children, Dennis Brightwell (Christina) and their sons, Kristopher and Miceal of Council Bluffs; Douglas Brightwell (Benita) and their daughters, Kaitlin and Emma of Creston; Cynthia (Gregg) Vrba and their children, Amanda and Curtis of Council Bluffs; sister, Joyce (Marvin) Hansen of Audubon; brothers, Everett Miller (Donna) of Denison; Robert Miller (Deanna) of Galt; and Carol Miller of Charter Oak; brothers-in-law, George Manthe of Sac City and Larry Stauber of Lawton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 2003, at the United Church of Manilla, with Rev. Alberta Ervin officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were Don DeMey, Keith Simons, Guy Miller, Mark Miller, Roger Beam, Byron Lyman. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.