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Carol Christensen, 46

Dec. 18, 1953 – Jan. 17, 2000

ELK HORN – Carol Jean, daughter of Eiwind and Leta Johansen Madsen, was born Dec. 18, 1953, at Audubon County Memorial Hospital. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She attended school in Kimballton and Elk Horn, graduating with the Elk Horn-Kimballton High School class of 1972.

Dec. 29, 1972, she married Steven Christensen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Two children were born to this union. They lived in Atlantic and then Columbus, NE, before returning to Elk Horn to farm in 1980. Carol worked as a bookkeeper and office manager for Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn for 14 years. She then worked at Harlan Vision Clinic for one year before becoming an office assistant with Community Services at the Shelby County Courthouse. In November of 1999, Carol was re-diagnosed with cancer. Dec. 26, 1999, she entered Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, where she died Jan. 17, 2000, at age 46 years and 30 days.

Carol is preceded in death by her grandparents. She is survived by her husband, Steven Christensen of Elk Horn; two children, Mathew James Christensen (Kristi) of Ankeny and Lisa Marie Christensen of Ames; her parents, Eiwind and Leta Madsen of Elk Horn; three brothers, Wayne Madsen (Vivian) of Elk Horn; Brent Madsen (Jill) of Elk Horn; Randy Madsen (Annette) of Kimballton; one sister, Linda (Mike) Laird of Omaha, NE; her parents-in-law, Paul and Vita Christensen of Elk Horn; a brother-in-law, Karl Christensen (Earlene) of Elk Horn; a sister-in-law, Karen (Dean) Weddum of Hiawatha, KS; and by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Pastor Keith Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Randy Madsen, Brent Madsen, Wayne Madsen, Karl Christensen, Mike Laird and Dean Weddum. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.