

Joann Clausen, 62 ✓

Aug. 4, 1942 - June 6, 2005

ELK HORN — Joann Elaine Clausen, daughter of Andrew L. and Mildred Kester Christensen, was born Aug. 4, 1942, in Harlan. She was baptized at the Elk Horn Baptist Church. She attended Elk Horn Community Schools, graduating from Elk Horn-Kimballton High School with the class of 1961. She then attended school in Minneapolis, MN, for a short time.

April 22, 1962, she married Gary L. Clausen at the Elk Horn Baptist Church. Three daughters were born to this union. Joann was employed at several area restaurants for several years. She was employed as an aide at the Salem Lutheran Homes. In 1975, she attended school at Iowa Western Community College in Atlantic, and received her Licensed Practical Nursing Designation in 1976. She continued to work at the Salem Lutheran Home as an LPN for over 32 years until she retired May 15, 2005, due to her failing health. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and sang in the church choir. She was a member of the Civic Center in Des Moines, and went to many attractions there. She died June 6, 2005, with her family at her side in her home in Elk Horn, at age 62 years, 10 months and two days.

Preceding Joann in death were her grandson, Dalton Sohm; her parents; her brother, Russell Christensen; her sisters-in-law, Gloria Clausen, Leona Christensen, Fran Christensen, and father-in-law, Emmert Clausen. Survivors include her husband, Gary L. Clausen of Elk Horn; her daughters, Tami (Todd) Jacobsen of Kimballton; Trish (Randy) Eden of Atlantic; Tonya (Berry) Sohm of Schleswig; her grandchildren, Cody Jacobsen, Abby Jacobsen, Chelsea Jacobsen, all of Kimballton; Gage Eden, Austin Eden, Parker Eden, all of Atlantic; Paige Sohm and Nick Sohm, both of Schleswig; her brothers and sisters, Earl (Sylvia) Christensen of Graham, WA; Ernest (Pinkie) Christensen of Glenview, IL; Cloyd Christensen of Cherry Hill, NJ; LaVerne (Audrey) Christensen of Calabasa, CA; Melva Christensen of Laguna Woods, CA; Norma (Rob) Wall of Loudon, TN; her mother-in-law, Lucille Clausen of Elk Horn; her brother-in-law, Lanny (Carol) Clausen of Madrid; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Henry Flessner June 10, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Casket bearers were Dennis Newman, Paul Comstock, Eldon Norgaard, Jim McClain, Darrell Petersen and Terry Sander. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, in charge of arrangements.