

Maxine Cunningham, 60

July 31, 1939 - Jan. 10, 2000

WALNUT – Maxine Margaret Cunningham was born July 31, 1939, near Panama, daughter of John L. and Margaret Gessert McLaughlin. She was one of 11 children in the family. She lived the majority of her youth in Walnut, and graduated from Walnut High School in 1957.

She married Billy Cunningham Dec. 29, 1966, in St. Petersburg, FL. She lived in Nebraska, Florida, Alabama, The Philippines, North Carolina, Alaska, New York, Hawaii, Texas, Washington, D.C. and Minnesota. After moving from one military installation to another, and a "semi-retirement" in Minnesota, they finally retired to Walnut in 1998. She held several positions as customer service representative, secretary, receptionist and supervisor at banks and businesses throughout her travels. She retired from an account verification company as supervisor in 1998. After fighting a lengthy battle with cancer, she died Jan. 10, 2000, at age 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her father; her father-in-law; two brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law. She is survived by her husband, Billy Cunningham; her son, Michael (Lynae) and their daughter, Erin, of Coon Rapids, MN; her daughter, Michele (Pete) Shaughnessey and their daughter, Emily, of Burnsville, MN; her mother, Margaret McLaughlin of Walnut; six brothers, Francis (Catherine) McLaughlin; Roland (Jolene) McLaughlin; Robert (Jan) McLaughlin, all of Omaha, NE; Raymond McLaughlin of Walnut; Edward (Kristine) McLaughlin of Oakland, NE and Joseph (Mary) McLaughlin of Everly; four sisters, Virginia Anderson of Walnut; Arlene Andersen (Eddie) of Rochester, MN; Sharon Sorrells (Norman) and Marge Crow (Wade), all living in Omaha; her mother-in-law, Margaret Cunningham of Fayetteville, TN; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2000, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Walnut, with Father Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Walnut. Honorary casket bearers were Donald Wright, Edward Cunningham, Larry Bass, Jr., Paul Sain and George Bass. Casket bearers were Patrick McLaughlin, Richard McLaughlin, William McLaughlin, Edward McLaughlin, Francis McLaughlin, Jr., Robert McLaughlin, Bradley McLaughlin and Wade McLaughlin. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.