

Linda Lee Daoust, 51

Jan. 8, 1946 - April 28, 1997

ATLANTIC - Linda Daoust, 51, of Atlantic, daughter of Zeno Peter and Viola Marie Schwery Leinen, was born Jan. 8, 1946, in Harlan. She was baptized, received her first communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Church in Portsmouth, where she grew to adulthood. She attended St. Mary's School in Portsmouth, graduating in 1964. Following graduation she attended business school in Omaha, and was employed at Variety Distributors, Inc. in Harlan.

She married Mark Daoust July 8, 1972. They have resided in Atlantic, for their entire married life. To this union was born two children, daughter, Tammy, and son, Brian. She spent her life devoted to her family and caring for children. She loved nature, especially fishing, and spent many weekends with her family and friends at Lake Panorama. Linda had a talent for making people feel loved. One of the special ways she demonstrated this was by making beautiful rosaries and giving them to others. She died April 28, 1997, at her home after a lengthy battle with cancer at age 51 years, three months and 20 days.

Surviving are her husband, Mark of Atlantic; a son, Brian, a student at Southwestern Community College at Creston; a daughter, Tammy, a student at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, and boyfriend, Steve Riedl of Shawnee, KS; her parents, Zeno and Viola Leinen of Harlan; five sisters, Ursula Bruck (Mike) of Portsmouth; Eunice Blum of Panama; Verlee Leinen of Anchorage, AK; Mildred Brus (Jerry) of Denison and Zita Smith (Gaylen) of Portsmouth; three brothers, James Leinen (Dorothy) of Denison; Orville Leinen (Kathleen) of Panora and Harvey Leinen (Charlotte) of Harlan; father-in-law, Herman Daoust of Wisconsin; three brothers-in-law and their spouses, James (Shirley) Daoust of Kaukauna, WI; Phillip (Carrie) Daoust of Seymour, WI and Ralph (Judy) Daoust of Oneida, WI; two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Louise (Robert) LuMaye of Green Bay, WI and Susie (Dave) Semour of Wrightstown, WI; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held May 2, 1997, at the S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Atlantic, with Msgr. Edward Kelly, Co. Bluffs celebrating. Concelebrating were Father Dick Gubbejs and Msgr. James Wadsworth, Atlantic. Assisting was Rev. Mr. Fred Cornwell, deacon of Atlantic and Massena. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth. Honorary casket bearers were Clara Baggenstoss, Deanna Binther, Linda Fief, Joyce Infantino, Sharon Pross, Rose Smith and Connie Stoke. Casket bearers were Jerry Brus, Gaylen Smith, Robert LuMaye, Steve Riedl, Jerry Brus, Jr. and Steve LuMaye. Roland Funeral Home, Atlantic, in charge of arrangements.