

## Brenda Hamilton, 40

*Aug. 26, 1965 - Sept. 23, 2005*

**WALNUT** — Brenda Lee Hansen Hamilton was born Aug. 26, 1965, at Harlan, one of four children born to Wayne and Lois Jensen Hansen. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. In her youth she was active in 4-H and Luther League. Brenda attended elementary and high school at Elk Horn-Kimballton Public School in Elk Horn, graduating with the class of 1983. She then attended and graduated from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, NE, in 1987 with a B.A. degree in education, English and language arts. She received her Master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1996. Brenda taught high school English in Elk Horn-Kimballton and Walnut Community High Schools.



Brenda married Ron Hamilton July 29, 1989, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union, Zachary, Dillan and Madison. She was active at Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut, where she was a member, served as Sunday School superintendent and taught Bible School. She often held and lead Bible studies at her home for a group of ladies. She died Sept. 23, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital just 28 days after her 40th birthday.

Brenda was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Hansen, Sept. 8, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Ron, and children, Zachary Wayne, Dillan James and Madison May of Walnut; her mother, Lois Hansen of Harlan; her sister, Becky Eskov (Larry) of Harlan; two brothers, Bruce Hansen (Ann) of Atlantic and Brent Hansen (Linda) of Avoca; 34 nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2005, at the Walnut School Gymnasium with Pastor Paul Hutchins officiating. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery, Walnut. Casket bearers were Kathi Kilworth, Deb Martin, Shon Andersen, Linda Peterson, Sandy Basaldua and Cindi Lapel. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.