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### Barbara Hoffmann, 59<sup>v</sup>

Dec. 27, 1951 - May 14, 2011

**WALNUT** — Barbara Kay Hoffmann was born on December 27, 1951 in Bellevue, to her parents Raymond and Rita (Kilburg) Roling. She was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Preston and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bellevue. She graduated from Marquette High School in Bellevue with the class of 1970. Barb attended Clarke College in Dubuque and majored in Economics and German.



Barb married Nicholas Hoffmann on June 7, 1975 in Bellevue. Three children were born to this union: Kevin, Eric and Sara. Barb worked at the Walnut Grove Feeds in Atlantic from 1975 until 1977. She stayed at home with their first child until 1980 when she began working for the United States Post Office as a clerk. She later was installed as Postmaster in Panama, and finished her career as Postmaster in Elk Horn for eleven years. She worked for the Post Office until March of 2009, at which time she took early retirement. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut for over 35 years. Barb grew up on a farm and she continued to enjoy the outdoors into her adulthood. One of her greatest loves was gardening and tending the rose bushes that surrounded her and Nick's home in Walnut. Every year they would replant new bushes where others had died, but this year was the first year where all had survived and none of them had to be replanted. Barb died at her home in Walnut on Saturday, May 14, 2011, having attained the age of fifty-nine years, four months, and seventeen days.

Barb was preceded in death by her father Raymond. She is survived by her husband Nicholas Hoffmann of Walnut; her children: Kevin Hoffmann and his wife Megan of Pleasant Hill, Eric Hoffmann and his wife Alexa of Dexter, and Sara and her husband Jason Scott of Knoxville, TN; five grandchildren: Ian, Maren and Nora Hoffmann of Dexter and Lydia and Landon Hoffmann of Pleasant Hill; her mother Rita Roling of Bellevue; brother Ron Roling and his wife Pat of Bellevue; sisters Bonnie and her husband Tom Bruck of Zwingle and Peg and her husband Tom Manderscheid of Maquoketa; dozens of nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Rev. Tom Dooley celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca on Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

Burial was held in the St. Patrick's Cemetery

in Walnut with Tom Roling, Mike Roling, Marty Bruck, Aaron Wilmer, Patrick Hoffmann, Adam Hoffmann, Tim Schieber and Andy Holtz serving as casket bearers.

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