

## Kristyn Justice, 22

June 2, 1972 - Feb. 4, 1995 ✓

**Botna** - Kristyn, daughter of Wayne and Arlene Schmitz Justice, was born June 2, 1972 at Harlan. She was born with a heart defect and had open heart surgery in Dec. of 1979. She attended Manning Schools, graduating in 1991. While in school she participated in many activities, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was elected Homecoming queen her senior year. Because of health problems she was not able to stay in college the first year. However, after having been on a waiting list for about one and a half years, she had a lung transplant in Sept. of 1991. By the fall of 1992 she was able to return to Wartburg College in Waverly, where she completed her freshman year. In July of 1993 she was again placed on the transplant list and spent the next year at home because of her health problems. While awaiting a second transplant she enrolled in the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN in the fall of 1994 where she completed her first semester with a 4.0 GPA. Because of her achievements, she was nominated and accepted into the Antonian Honors Program. When she was home on Christmas break she suddenly became ill on the evening of Jan. 7, 1995, and early the next morning she was lifeflighted to the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis, MN, the same hospital where she previously had her heart surgery and lung transplant. She was in the intensive care unit, however had been improving, so her death early Feb. 4, 1995 was unexpected. She was 22 years, 8 months and two days of age.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Rodney, in infancy and her grandparents: Hugo and



Augusta Schmitz, George and Bernice Justice and Mary Irlbeck. Survivors include her parents, Wayne and Arlene Justice, of Botna; her sisters: Joyce (Wes) Dammann of Manning; Carol (Mark) Croghan of Sioux City; Lisa (Frank) Vania of Lewisville, TX; and Lori (John) Myers of Ankeny; her nieces and nephews; her grandfather, Leo Irlbeck of Templeton; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rite of Christian Burial was held Feb. 8, 1995 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manning with Rev. Father Ralph Reinhart celebrant. Burial was in the Sacred Heart cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Joelle Handlos, Pam Myres, Wendy Ahrendsen, Alice Croghan, Amy Butcher, Kristin Englert, Catherine Croghan, Kristi Herbers, Tony and Kim Johnson. Casket bearers were: Wes Dammann, John Myers, Mark Croghan, Jay Schmitz, Frank Vania and Travis Justice. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.