



Karen A. ✓ Kruse, 32

Sept. 5, 1960 - Nov. 9, 1992

EMMETSBURG - Karen A. Kruse, daughter of Edmund Richard and Nancy Lee (Grover) Ewoldt, was born Sept. 5, 1960 in Wheaton, IL. She received her education at Wheaton Central High School, graduating in 1978. She continued her education at the University of Northern Iowa and was the featured baton twirler with

the UNI marching band. Since her graduation, she has been teaching baton twirling to young people all over the state of Iowa and was in charge of the state's baton twirling contest. In 1982, she began teaching at the Garwin Community School and also taught in Parkersburg before taking a position with Hoffman-LaRoche Company as a district manager of pharmaceutical products.

Aug. 31, 1991, she married Jim Kruse in the chapel at Living History Farms near Des Moines. Since then, they have made their home in Emmetsburg. She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Emmetsburg. She was a member and past president of Kappa Delta Pi, Psi Chapter, Honor Society in Education at UNI. She died of injuries received in an automobile accident near Clarion Nov. 9, 1992.

She is survived by her husband Jim of Emmetsburg; three stepchildren, Matthew, Lucas and Megan Kruse, all at home; her parents, Edmund and Nancy Ewoldt of Wheaton, IL.; three brothers, Kurt Ewoldt of West Chicago, IL.; Eric Ewoldt of Villa Park, IL.; and Steve Ewoldt of Warrenville, IL.; father-in-law and mother-in-law Harley Kruses of Harlan.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 1992 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Traer with burial at Buckingham cemetery rural Traer.