

Michelle Klabunde, 46

Feb. 28, 1958 - Aug. 31, 2004

OMAHA, NE — Michelle Claire Bissen Klabunde was born Feb. 28, 1958, in Manning, to Sylvan and Virginia Bissen. She was raised on a farm in Iowa and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School. She attended Harlan Community High School graduating in 1976. She attended Omaha College of Health Careers and became a dental assistant and graduated in 1977. Michelle resided in Omaha her entire adult life. She continued her education by entering Iowa Western Community College and completing the program to be a board certified dental hygienist. She was able and accomplished this as a single mom raising three children. Also, during this time she was diagnosed with cancer. She continued to attend school, work as a dental hygienist while taking chemo and radiation treatment. She died Aug. 31, 2004 at Hospice House in Omaha, at age 46.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sylvan Bissen, and brother-in-law, Ricky Stout. She is survived by her three children, Kyle, Mark and Molly, all of Omaha; her mother, Virginia (Jacobs) Bissen of Earling; her brothers, Ted (Sharon) Bissen, Ottawa, IL; Tom (Maggie) Bissen, Defiance; Dave (Peg) Bissen, Defiance; Jim (Donda) Bissen, Spanaway, WA; her sisters, Martha (Rodger) Fawcett, Omaha, NE; Dianne (Terry) Goeres, Defiance; Janet (John) Bruck, Portsmouth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 2004, at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Omaha, with Rev. Paul Hoelsing officiating. Burial was in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner officiating. Casket bearers were Tony Leonardo, Tom Winkler, Ron Grasmick, Travis Bissen, Mark Zink and Michael Bruck. John A. Gentleman Mortuaries in charge of arrangements.

