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Velma Mahlberg, 67

June 3, 1939 - June 11, 2006

MISSOURI VALLEY — Velma Marie Verdella (Muell) Mahlberg was born June 3, 1939, to Nicholas and Clara (Kramer) Muell in Panama. She received her first communion and was confirmed in the Catholic Church. She graduated from Missouri Valley High School.

Velma married Walter "Butch" Mahlberg. Velma reconnected with a high school classmate, Dan Anderson, over the internet and the two became engaged. The past two months her joy was being by the side of her beloved fiancé, Danny. She died June 11, 2006, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, NC from complications with chemotherapy at age 67 years and eight days.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Walter Mahlberg; three sisters, Marie Muell (as an infant), Mildred Fastnacht, and Arlene Holben; sister-in-law, Darlene Muell; brother-in-law, Wilson Holben; and nephew, Michael Buckley. She is survived by her fiancé, Dan Anderson of Mineral Springs, NC; three brothers, Harold Muell, Richard Muell (Mary), all of Missouri Valley, and Elmer Muell (Thelma) of Honey Creek; brother-in-law, Ed Fastnacht (Barbara) of Council Bluffs; Dan's daughter, Belinda (James) Butler, and their son, Christian Lane, all of Waxhaw, NC; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 17, 2006, at Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine, with Rev. Bob Harris celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Panama with Dan Anderson, John Muell, Jim Muell, Terry Muell, Steve Muell and Butch Muell casket bearers. Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine and Gordon Funeral Service of Monroe, NC in charge of services.