

Sandra Mathew, 66

Jan. 26, 1937 - Oct. 29, 2003

DENISON – Sandra Jean Mathew was born at Council Bluffs, Jan. 26, 1937, daughter of John Franklin and Lela May Reazer Greene. The family resided in Glenwood and Tabor, until Sandy was eight years of age when they moved to Randolph, where she graduated from high school with the class of 1955.

March 26, 1956, Sandra married Robert Allen Mathew at Maryville, MO. Their union was blessed with four children, Robert Blaine, Susan Kay, Tracy Ann and Daniel. They made their home in Des Moines where Sandy was employed at the Des Moines Water Works until moving to Omaha, NE, where she was employed at Ball Pac. After residing in Colorado Springs for a brief time, the Mathews owned and operated restaurants in Emporia, KS and Shenandoah. From 1960 until 1963 they resided in Maryville, MO while Bob completed his degree to teach. His teaching career led them to the Iowa communities of Bedford, Walnut, Dunlap, Glenwood, where Sandy was employed at the Iowa School of the Deaf, Bettendorf and, in 1973, to Denison. Denison became their home where Bob taught and coached and Sandy was employed at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital Admitting Office and for 12 years at Dubuque Pack from which she retired. Following their retirement, they resided in Denison. Due to failing health, Sandy moved to the Country Care Residential Center in Hartan, in August of 1999. Since March 18, 2003, she had resided at the Northcrest Nursing and Rehab Center in Council Bluffs, where she died Oct. 29, 2003, at age 66 years, nine months and three days. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Denison.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert Blaine Mathew in 1980; her husband, Robert Mathew in 2000; a grandson, James Knight, Jr.; and two brothers, Leslie Green in infancy and Robert Greene. She is survived by three children, Susan Kay (James) Knight of Newport News, VA; Tracy Ann (Joel) Scott of Elizabeth City, NC; and Daniel Mathew (Kathy) of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Frank Greene (Cheri) of Malvern; two sisters, Jacqueline (Donald) Kissell of Des Moines and Judy Fill of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3, 2003, at the Pfannebecker Funeral Home in Denison, with Rev. Alberta Ervin officiating. Honorary casket bearer was Frank Greene. Casket bearers were James Knight, Daniel Mathew, Kyle Mathew, Jeff Greene, Dennis Greene and Gregg Greene. Burial was at Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. The Pfannebecker Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.