

Sandra Messinger, 62

Feb. 24, 1939 – Nov. 1, 2001

AVOCA – Sandra Lee Messinger was born Feb. 24, 1939, in Freeport, IL, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Zipse Rodebaugh, and was one of five children in the family. She graduated from Orangeville High School with the class of 1957.

She married Kenneth Messinger July 21, 1957, in Orangeville, IL. They were the parents of three children, Peggy, Mike and Kris. The family lived in northern Illinois before moving to Goddard, KS, in July 1971. They moved to Avoca Nov. 10, 1972. They purchased a home from Howard and Nadine True. Aug. 1, 1978, they purchased Olson Cleaners in Avoca. The two owned and operated the business until their retirement in 1999. She had been involved in the Avoca Business and Professionals Association for many years. She and Ken celebrated their 44th anniversary in July. She was a member of the United Church of Avoca. Sandy died at her residence in Avoca, Nov. 1, 2001, at age 62 years, eight months and eight days.

Sandy is preceded in death by her father; her stepfather, Lyle Meyers; and brother, James Rodebaugh. She is survived by her husband, Ken; her mother, Elizabeth Meyers of Freeport, IL; her children, Peggy (Roger) Hobus of Avoca; Mike Messinger (Marcia) of Avoca and Kris Messinger (Cathy) of Oakland; six grandchildren; a great grandchild; a sister, Sherrill (Charles) Schramm of Aurora, IL; her brothers, Mark Rodebaugh (Pat) of Orangeville and Steven Rodebaugh (Nancy) of McConnell, IL; her stepsisters, Midge (Don) Engelkens of Orangeville; Pat Meyers of Rockford, IL and Linda (Gil) Christianson of Monroe; a mother-in-law, Evelyn Schroeder (Virgil) of Cedarville, IL; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 5, 2001, at the United Church of Avoca with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Trent Messinger, Joel Evans, John Pattee, Dale Kardell, Kerry Danker and Levi Eichelberger. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.