

Darla Louise Mullenger, 58

July 23, 1959 - Aug. 4, 2017

HAMLIN – Darla Louise Mullenger, the daughter of Raymond and Dorothy (Hansen) Errett was born July 23, 1959 in Harlan.

Darla was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She attended the Harlan Community Schools graduating with the high school class of 1977. Darla studied at the Patricia Stevens College of Retail Merchandising in Omaha, NE graduating in 1978. She then was employed in Carroll.



On November 4, 1978, she was united in marriage to Ronald James Mullenger at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. They were blessed with two children, Amanda and Travis. They settled at the family farm near Hamlin which Ron continues to operate. Darla was a homemaker for several years, caring for the children and helping Ron farm where they grew row crops. Darla always enjoyed meeting people through retail sales and waitressing, which she started after the kids entered school. For the past 12 1/2 years she enjoyed working at Quality Machine in Audubon in the data processing and logistics department. She was a hard worker and put her heart and soul into everything she did.

Darla was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Audubon where she helped with Vacation Bible School. She was a member of Eastern Star and was very active holding many local offices. Darla also held the State Eastern Star office of Grand Esther in 2015 as part of the Beachcomber Grand Family through which Darla and Ron have met and made many wonderful friends. Darla enjoyed making crafts and sewing. She enjoyed playing games and cards. She liked to travel and spend time at their lake home on Blackhawk Lake. Darla loved decorating for the holidays especially Christmas. But most of all she loved being with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Darla passed away surrounded by her family August 4, 2017 at her home in rural Hamlin at the age 58 years and 11 days.

Preceding Darla in death were her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law James and Virlee Mullenger; and her nephew Michael Schmidt.

Survivors include her husband Ron Mullenger of Hamlin; her children Amanda Vaughn and friend Jeff Brown of Kansas City, KS and Travis and wife Amanda Mullenger of Manning; her grandchildren Alexander Vaughn of Kansas City and Haley Jo Mullenger of Manning; her brother Duane and wife Vickie Errett of Harlan; her sister Candace Errett of Toledo, WA; her sisters-in-law Lori and husband John Bolick of Gray, and Julie and husband Dean Schmidt of Audubon; her aunt Pat Mullenger of Hamlin; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Audubon. Pastor Kathy Kluis and Pastor Sharon Guffey-Lewis officiated.

Honorary casket bearers were Sherry Storjohann, Bobbie Richmond, Karla Mercieca, Linda Roy, Diane Rattenborg, Janet Schreck, Pat Closs and Isabel Zvorak. Casket bearers were Kendall Spies, Jerry Roy, Jeff Storjohann, Darwin Rattenborg, Mark Trecker, Bob Magner, Roger Nelson and Rodney Turner.

Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon. Kessler Funeral Home of Audubon was in charge of arrangements.