

## Marilyn Olsen, 69 ✓

Sept. 27, 1936 - July 21, 2006

**HANCOCK** — Marilyn Ann Olsen, daughter of Paul and LaVerne (Mueller) Russmann, was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Walnut. She was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Walnut. She attended school in Walnut and graduated from Walnut High School and throughout her youth was active in 4-H. After high school, Marilyn attended and graduated from the Commercial Extension Business College in Omaha, NE.

Sept. 29, 1956, Marilyn married Gene Olsen in Walnut. Four children were born to this union. She worked for the Volunteer Bureau and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha until 1957, when they moved to Hancock. She babysat in her own home and later worked at Harold's Place in Hancock and finally at the AvoHa Schools in Avoca from 1978 to her retirement in 1997. Even after her retirement, Marilyn continued working at the school as a substitute until 2006. She served as a Boy Scouts Den Mother and 4-H Leader while her children were young. She was a longtime and active member of the United Methodist Church in Hancock where she taught Sunday School and served several offices with the United Methodist Women's Auxilliary group. Marilyn was also a member of the Blazettes, the wives of the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, the Botna Benders Club, the Wedded Band group of their church and a member of the Golden Spikes Camping Club. She died July 21, 2006, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 69 years, nine months and 24 days.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Gene Olsen of Hancock; her children, Gene Olsen, Jr. (Teresa) of Leon; Ron Olsen (Deb) of Hancock; Lonnie Olsen of Avoca; and Sherry (Don) Harwick of Treynor; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her sister, Lila (Perry) Kelley of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 24, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, with burial at Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock. Pastor Judy Flanegin of the Hancock United Methodist Church officiated. Honorary casket bearers were Jill, Loni, Megan and Jessica Olsen and Crystal Harwick. Casket bearers were Jay Olsen, Chad Harwick, Brad Olsen, Dana Nielsen, Perry Kelley and Joel Briggs.