

Debra S. Ransom, 39

Feb. 14, 1958 - Oct. 2, 1997

IRWIN - Debra Sue Ransom, daughter of Donald Duane and Dona (Patten) Maule, was born Feb. 14, 1958, in Denison. She attended school in Denison.

Sept. 7, 1974, she married Dennis E. Ransom in Denison. She worked as a certified nursing assistant at the Friendship Home in Audubon until July, 1997. She enjoyed stock car racing, both as a driver and as a member of Dennis' support team. She wrote for *Iowa/Nebraska Motor Sports*, *Hawkeye Racing News* and *Midstates Racing News*, as well as serving as track reporter for the Audubon Speedway. She died Oct. 2, 1997, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, at age 39 years, seven months and 18 days.

Preceding her in death were her father, Donald Duane Maule; one brother, Dennis Duane Maule, and her paternal grandfather, Robert Maule. Survivors include her husband of 23 years, Dennis Edward Ransom of Irwin; two sons, Troy Ransom and Wille Ransom, both of Irwin; two daughters, Vonnie Ransom and Carmen Ransom, both of Irwin; two sisters, Pam (Ron) Ohannessian of Melcher-Dallas and Patricia Moyer of Orland, FL; her mother and stepfather, Dona and James Murray of Irwin; her mother-in-law, Betty Mae Ransom of Denison; her paternal grandmother, Elma Maule of Sac City, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7, 1997, at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Pastor Sidney Flac of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin officiating. Casket bearers were Dave Squibb, Troy Ransom, Carl Ransom, Kerry Madsen, Pete Rasmussen and Robin Ladehoff. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.