

## Debra Rounds, 53

Dec. 4, 1955 - Dec. 31, 2008

**HARLAN** — Debra Lee Rounds was born to Gerald and Alma (Rau) Kramer on December 4, 1955, in Carroll. She was baptized at Saint Anthony's Hospital on the day of her birth after arriving two months early; she was not expected to survive the night. She lived in Wiota, until she was four years old, when the family moved to Marne, to a farm. She attended school in Marne until moving to Harlan, in 1965. She attended school in Harlan and graduated with the Class of 1974.

Debbie was united in marriage to Robert Glenn Rounds on Groundhog's Day, February 2, 1974, in Harlan. Four children were born to this union: Jeremy, Marcus, Sarah, and Lynzie. Debbie worked at Mickel's Restaurant for nine years before going to CDS. She held several different positions in her twenty-six years at CDS, the most recent being a batcher. She was a radio station DJ for KNOD on the weekends for four and a half years. She took medical leave from both jobs in 2005. She committed her life to Jesus on December 28, 2002, and in March of 2003, Debbie was baptized at First Baptist Church in Harlan. Debbie had many activities through the years: coaching and playing women's softball, co-ed softball, and co-ed volleyball. She loved bingo, camping, eating out with friends, and monthly cousin outings. Debbie also had a love for great Motown music. Her greatest accomplishment was being a wife, mother, and grandmother. Debbie was known for her unending optimism, her catchy smile, and for making friends wherever she went. She died at her home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, December, 31, 2008, having attained the age of fifty-three years and twenty-seven days.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Kramer, brother-in-law Marcus Rounds, sister-in-law Leona Parks, father-in-law Marcus Rounds, mother-in-law Ella Rounds, and nephew Jay Rounds. Debbie is survived by her husband of thirty-five years, Robert Rounds of Harlan; her children: Jeremy Rounds and his wife Angie of Creston, Marcus Rounds of San Diego, CA, Sarah Rounds of Omaha, NE, and Lynzie Rounds of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren: Mark, Alexis, Hannah Joy, and Ethan, all of Creston; mother Alma and step-father Paul Bissen of Harlan; sisters: Sandy and her husband Dave Hopper of Carroll, Gera-Lyn Ratslaff of Mason City, and Tami and her husband Alan Meiners of Dedham; brothers: John Kramer of Easton, KS and Larry Kramer of Harlan; sister-in-law Ruth Koob of Chaska, MN; step-sisters Tracy Bissen of Florida and Terri and her husband Mike Thayer of Florida; nieces and nephews; grand nieces and grand nephews; other family members and many fantastic friends.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 3, 2009, with Pastor Gundar Lamberts officiating the 2:00 PM service at First Baptist Church in Harlan. Honorary casket bearers



were Leona Bladt, Kathy Sanford, Laurie Gilbert, Carol Walton, Shelly Saunders, Joan Gaul, Margy Petersen, Jeanie Bieker, Janelle Musfeldt, Shirley Hauck, Traci Ewoldt, Bev Wagner, and Judy Jones. Serving as casket bearers were Jim Schechinger, Dan Bladt, Jim Stewart, John Stewart, Wayne Bruck, Harry Brensel, Joey Hansen, and Marlin Petersen. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.



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