

## Barb Schlater, 71

*July 1, 1953 - Dec. 8, 2004*

**EXIRA** — Barbara JoAnne Schlater, daughter of Melvin and Mabel (Green) Madison, was born July 1, 1933, at Guthrie Center. She attended school in Guthrie Center. July 14, 1953, Barb married Dean Schlater at the Exira Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union, Steven, Darla and Cherie. They lived on the family farm and Barb worked as a waitress. They then moved to Exira where they owned and operated Exira Cafe and Bakery. After they sold the business she continued to be a waitress at the cafe. Barb and Dean continued to live in Exira until the time of her death. She was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church. She died Dec. 8, 2004, at her home in Exira, at age 71.

Preceding Barb in death were her mother, Mabel Green; her father, Melvin Madison; her sisters, Bess Green and Betty Madison; her stepfather, Gale Green; her brother-in-law, Ron Schlater; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Grover and Sis Schlater. Survivors include her husband, Dean Schlater of Exira; her children, Steven Schlater of Orlando, FL; Darla (Rich) Hansen of Atlantic and Cherie (Kevin) Petty of Harlan; her grandchildren, Justin, Jenah and Jamie Schlater, all of Orlando; Tara (Chad) Dreyer of Atlantic; Kyle Hansen of Ames; and Brandon Petty and Daniel Petty of Harlan; her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Darwin and Shirley Schlater of Exira; Julie Schlater of Atlantic; Doug and Barb Schwaller of Atlantic; her stepsister, Patty Long of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bill Embree Dec. 11, 2004, at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Casket bearers were Doug Schwaller, Jack Wolfe, Jerry Wolfe, Matt Mills, Chad Dreyer and Kyle Hansen. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, in charge of arrangements.