

Leona Shrake, 71

March 24, 1932 - Sept. 4, 2003

LEON – Leona Dean Shrake, daughter of Elmer Dewayne and Beulah (Collier) Brammer, was born March 24, 1932, in Malvern. Leona was raised and attended school in southwest Iowa. She lived all her life in southern Iowa and northern Missouri.

Leona was married and had seven children, Michael Craig, Marlin Eugene, Cynthia Sue, Mark Dean, Scott Douglas, Taunjia Dee and Tracy Lee.

She married Junior Edwin Shrake April 3, 1983, in Canyon City, CO. She gained two stepchildren, Roger and Peggy.

Leona was willing to try anything and she was good at a number of jobs over the years. Her favorite was working for Missouri Mining. She owned several pubs and a marina. Leona and Junior moved to Leon in January 2001. Leona and Junior were married for over 20 years and Junior cared for her during her battle with cancer the past year. She died Sept. 4, 2003, at the Decatur County Hospital in Leon, at age 71.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant sister, Marcy Jean Brammer; sister, Shirley Durham; brother, Elmer Dewayne Brammer; and son-in-law, Tom Henry. Her survivors are her husband, Junior Shrake of Leon; her children and grandchildren, Mike Allen (Debbie) of Pueblo, CO and their daughters, Rachel and Brandi; Marlin Allen (Shirley) of Carson and their son, Shannon; Cindy (Butch) Johnson of Leon and their children, Steve, Dustin and Misti; Mark Allen (Pam) of Harlan and their daughter, Stephanie; Scott Allen (Sharon) of Columbia, MO and their children, Christina, Scott, Jr. and Samantha; Taunjia Allen (Jim) Higdon of Leon and Taunjia's daughters, Dezarae and Bridgette; and Tracy Core (Kristi) of Marceline, MO and their children, Tabitha and Chuck; stepchildren, Roger Shrake and Peggy Knowles and son, Rusty, of Livonia, MO; seven great grandchildren, Danielle, Shayla, Chad, Keegan, Hailey, Amythist and Alexis; brother and sisters, Betty Neighbors, Charlotte McClain, Bonnie Christianson, Beverly Goodemote, Sheryl Helle, Sandy Viner and Stanley Brammer; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2003, at Slade-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Leon, with Rev. Terry Roberts officiating. Burial was in the Leon Cemetery. Casket bearers were grandsons, Scott Allen, Jr., Shannon Allen, Chuck Core, Dustin Henry, Steve Henry and Rusty Knowles, and John Herriman, Andy Lavrenz and Cody Mothershead.

