

Marlene Ahrenholtz, 63

Dec. 14, 1938 - Jan. 2, 2002

NORFOLK, NE — Marlene Janice Ahrenholtz was born Dec. 14, 1938, in Charter Oak to Chris and Lena (Sievers) Neddermeyer. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church, attended St. John Lutheran School and graduated from the Charter Oak High School in 1956. She then worked at the Butler Grocery.

She married Richard Ahrenholtz June 2, 1957, in St. John Lutheran Church, Charter Oak. They were blessed with the birth of four children. Following her husband's duty in the Navy, they spent most of their married life in Nebraska. She was very active in her church and widely known in the Norfolk community for her extensive civic involvement. She worked at the Bank of Norfolk 20 years as senior vice president, six years at Credit Bureau Services serving as president, also an assistant administrator of Mid West OB/GYN and Health Partners. She was currently serving as executive director of the Homestead Assisted Living at the time of her death. She was the first female president of the Board of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. She died Jan. 2, 2002, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, NE, at age 63.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter, Jill. She is survived by her husband, Richard of 44 years; three children, Joel (Joann) Ahrenholtz; Jodie (Jack) Classen and Joy Ahrenholtz; nine grandchildren, Angie, Jeanna and Paul Ahrenholtz; Joshua, Jonathon, Jordan and Joyce Classen and Jaymes and Jessica Ahrenholtz; brother, Chris Neddermeyer; four sisters, Vernet Larson, Lois Butler, Norma Hawley and Nancy Burgdorf and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE, with Reverends Jack Williams and John Sievers officiating. Honorary casket bearers, all of Marlene's friends. Casket bearers were Joshua Classen, Jonathon Classen, Joe Peters, Randy Ahrenholtz, Terry Butler and Tom Schommer. Burial was in Union Township Cemetery in Defiance, by Pastor Paul Wilcox.

