

Eileen M. Andersen, 59

Nov. 12, 1942 - Sept. 25, 2002

PERSIA – Eileen Mary Andersen, daughter of Genevieve (Madden) and Edward C. Petrosky, was born Nov. 12, 1942, at Mitchell, SD. She was baptized at Crow Lake Community Catholic Church in Wessington, SD, and received her first communion and was confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church in Rapid City, SD. While in high school, Eileen's family moved to Lodi, CA, where she was a member of the Lodi High School Graduating Class of 1960. Following graduation, her family returned to South Dakota where Eileen managed a Rapid City restaurant. In the late 1970's, she moved to Omaha, NE, where she owned and operated a deli. Eileen moved to Persia, in 1985 and managed Hardee's Restaurants in Harlan, and Blair, NE, until 1993.

Oct. 21, 1992, she married Michael Andersen in Persia. Following her wedding, she was employed for a short period of time at Hy-Vee. At the time of her death, she was employed as a night attendant at Elm Crest Retirement Community and as teller at the Persia Community Bank. She died Sept. 25, 2002, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 59 years, 10 months and four days.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Walker, and stepson, Kevin Andersen. She is survived by her husband, Michael Andersen of Persia; mother, Genevieve Petrosky of Portland, OR; stepchildren, Chris Andersen of Audubon; Jill Andersen of Perry and Andrew and John Andersen of Persia; sisters and brother, Margaret Fox of Livingston, MT; Myrna Holden of Live Oak, CA; Randy Petrosky (Jean) of Raleigh, NC; Barbra Travalent of Medford, OR and Mary Kay Howard of Portland, OR; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Emil Blesky officiating. Distribution of cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Crow Lake Cemetery in Wessington Springs, SD.