

Helen Irene Bernard, 64

Nov. 24, 1927 — March 17, 1992

IRWIN — Helen Irene Bernard, daughter of Elmer and Bertha (Gudahl) Soderberg was born Nov. 24, 1927, at Howard, S.D. She was baptized in the Burton Baptist Church in Howard. She attended Howard High School, and after graduating from there, she attended the Christian Workers Institute in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Nov. 28, 1957, she married Walter J. Bernard Jr. at Howard. They were the parents of three children. As well as raising her family and caring for her home, she enjoyed her business as an Avon representative. She retired in Nov. of 1989, and they have continued to reside in their home in Irwin, since that time. It was there that she died March 17, 1992, at age 64 years, three months, and 22 days. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Myrtle Soderberg; one brother, William Soderberg; and a son, Barry Allan Bernard. In addition to her husband, Rev. Walter Bernard, Pastor of the Irwin United Methodist Church, Defiance United Methodist Church, and Kirkman United Methodist Church, she is survived by her daughters, Starla J. (Jeff) Kraber of Lynchburg, VA.; and Tamara J.B. (Jeff) Rapp of LaCrosse, WI.; four sisters, Alice Soderberg of Howard, S.D.; Pearl (Simon "Bud") Hughes of Sioux City; Ruth (Rev. Chester) Graves of Howard; and Shirley (Rev. James) Pluimer of Lodi, CA.; two brothers, Robert Soderberg (Hilka) of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Don Soderberg of Howard, S.D.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 21, 1992, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin with Rev. Larry Willey, officiating. Casketbearers were Vernon Campbell, Richard Petersen, Terry A. Campbell, Lee W. McLaughlin, Norman R. Campbell, and Kenneth Ahrenholtz. Burial was in the Hills of Rest cemetery at Sioux City, with Rev. Orville Olson of Faith Temple Church, officiating. Casketbearers were Jerry Graves, Reuben Garza, Bruce Graves; Gil Ristesund, Chuck Bernard, and Duane Soderberg. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.