

Linda Rae Best, 41

July 22, 1953 - Oct. 16, 1994

Brayton - Linda Rae Best was born July 22, 1953 to Merle and Elna Albertsen Hartvigsen. She died Oct. 16, 1994 at her home in rural Brayton at age 41. She attended school in Mt. Zion, Kimballton, Hamlin and graduated from Audubon High School in 1971. She was employed in Denver, CO; Ames; Minneapolis, MN and at the Whitney Bank in Atlantic.

Oct. 7, 1978 she married Steve Best at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She was also baptized and confirmed in that church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Merle and a sister-in-law, Cindy Fisher. She is survived by her husband, Steve of Brayton; three daughters: Abby, Sara and Jodi at home; her mother, Elna Hartvigsen of Kimballton; one sister, Vickie Brannan (Jim) of Audubon; two uncles, Milo Albertsen of Mesa, AZ and George Hartvigsen of Audubon; four aunts: Magda Esbeck of Elk Horn, Sharon Hartvigsen of rural Audubon, Marie Albertsen of Mesa, AZ and Shirley Albertsen of Harlan; cousins, nieces, nephews; brothers-in-law: Dave Best (Pat) of Elk Horn, John Fisher of Urbandale and David Huedepohl (Cheryl) of Williamsburg and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 19, 1994 at the Exira Lutheran Church with Rev. Steven R. Frock officiating. Burial was in the Oakfield cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Dave Best, John Fisher, Greg Bintner, Jeremy Best, Brian Esbeck, Bill McCarty, Dave Huedepohl and Marion Mier. Casket bearers were: Glen Nelson, Denny Juhl, Tony Freund, Sr., Brian Knop, Scott Lauritsen and Jim Schaben, Jr. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.