

Connie Berkley, 48

June 2, 1955 - Aug. 17, 2003

HARLAN – Connie Sue Berkley, the daughter of William and Marie Bacon Eastman, was born June 2, 1955, in Guthrie Center. She attended school in Panora Linden Schools in Panora. She was baptized March 23, 1975, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Panora, and later became a member at Peace Lutheran Church in Harlan, after the family moved there in 1985.

Sept. 16, 1971, Connie married Paul Berkley in Jacksonville, FL, where he was stationed during his time in the service. They were the parents of three daughters. After their marriage, they made their home in Western Iowa where she stayed home with her children while they were young. She then went to work at a home in Denison for disabled adults and then at the Crest Home in Harlan. She later became the activities director at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca, before moving to Cass Incorporated in Atlantic, where she developed the assisted living program. Connie then went to work at the Harlan library until her illness became too much for her to continue. She died Aug. 17, 2003, at Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 48 years, two months and 15 days.

Her parents and four brothers, Fred, Gerald "Jerry", Norman and Ivan preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Paul Berkley; her daughters, Jennifer (Joey) Hansen, Erin Berkley and Lee (Travis) Harbour, all of Harlan; five grandchildren, Danielle, Alex, Paige and Jesse Hansen; Andrew Harbour; and number six is due Aug. 26, 2003; her brothers and sisters, Darlene Hunt of Omaha, NE; William "Bill" Eastman (Marge) of Omaha; James "Jim" Eastman (Barb) of Omaha; Russ Eastman (Lola) of Ankeny; Carol (James) Flanery of Council Bluffs; Shirley (Kenneth) Smith of Creston; Marvin "Gail" Eastman (Liz) of Perry; Patricia "Pat" Dorr of Panora; Twyla (Berry) Lindsey of Scranton; Kevin Eastman of Harlan; her sister-in-law, Sharon Eastman of Waukee; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 2003, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Vicar Merlene Ostebee officiating. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.