

## Joy Brace, 43

April 25, 1968 - Dec. 4, 2011

**INDIANOLA** — Joy Brace, 43, met her Savior face to face on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 9 at Ankeny Baptist Church, 2842 SW Third Street, Ankeny where Joy attended church while in college. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 10 at the Faith Baptist Bible College Convocation Center conducted by her pastor, Craig Johnson, of Indianola Regular Baptist Church. Burial will be Monday, December 12 at the McHenry Family Cemetery in La Plata, MO.



Florilla Joyce was born in Kirksville, MO on April 25, 1968 to Roger and Linda (McHenry) Crawford. She grew up and completed high school in Greene, IA and college at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny. Attendance at FBBC allowed Joy to participate in a Missionary Apprenticeship Program to Corsica, France. As part of an FBBC music ministry team, she was able to return to Iowa Regular Baptist Camp where she had worked while in high school. There she could combine her love for her Lord and her love for music.

Joy married Rod Brace on June 15, 1992. Together they made a home for their four children and worked in Rod's business, Advanced Problem Solutions. They also made a home for several litters of Miniature Schnauzer puppies which have blessed a number of different families. Joy enjoyed making her own jewelry and scrapbooking. She also used her creative talents during the 19 years she worked as Superintendent of the Creative Arts Department at the Iowa State Fair. At times Joy was able to use her teaching degree to substitute at Grandview Park Baptist School. She loved the students getting to know them and also seeing who her children were having as friends and getting to know them. Also helping out in the drama dept. as that was also one of her loves. Though Joy always valued the gift of salvation granted her by Christ, she proclaimed Him even more during the time of her short illness. She could often be heard to say "God is Good." Her lasting wish is for God to be glorified through her life and funeral service.

Joy was preceded in death by her infant son, Andrew; and grandparents, John L and Dortha Crawford and Von W. McHenry. Those left to cherish Joy's memory include her husband of twenty years, Rod; four children, Lydia, James, Elizabeth and Anna all of the family home; parents, Roger and Linda Crawford of Union; grandmother, Orpha McHenry of La Plata, MO; two brothers, Mike (Carla) Crawford of Fort Dodge, and Duke (Deb) Crawford of Toledo, OH; and parents-in-law, Jim and Judy Brace of Missouri Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be directed to the Brace Children's Education Fund c/o Community State Bank 4811 SE 14th St. Des Moines 50320 or the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp, 1600 E. Lake St. Ventura, IA 50482.

## GRANDVIEW PARK FUNERAL HOME

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