

Lois Jo Buckholdt, 66

Dec. 14, 1933 - Feb. 7, 2000

AUDUBON – Lois Jo Buckholdt, daughter of Harry James and Mildred Alice Crow Nailor, was born Dec. 14, 1933, in Melville Township in Audubon County, and died Feb. 7, 2000, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 66 years. She was baptized and confirmed at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon. She attended school through the eighth grade at Melville No. 4 Grade School. She then went on to graduate from Audubon High School in 1952. She raised lambs for her 4-H group, The Happy Hustlers, and was an Audubon County Junior Farm Bureau member. After high school she worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Audubon.



Oct. 31, 1954, she married Franklin Wiges at the First Presbyterian Church in Des Moines. To this union were born two children, Roxie and Frankie. They worked as custodians at the Memorial Building in Audubon. Franklin died in 1958.

Dec. 12, 1961, she married Eilert Buckholdt at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon. To this union one daughter, Lori, was born. Lois worked at Audubon Upholstery and then the Extension office as a 4-H aide. She retired from the extension office in 1985, and then worked as a site manager at the Audubon Congregate Meals until the time of her death. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon and the church choir, American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Auxiliary, was Mother of the Year in Audubon County in 1983 and was awarded Volunteer of the Year for Audubon in 1989 by Gov. Terry Branstad.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Franklin Wiges; her daughter, Roxie Wiges Ayers; her grandson, Gregory Weisenborn; and her brothers-in-law, Herb Christensen and Hans Buckholdt. Survivors include her husband, Eilert Buckholdt of Audubon; her children, Frankie (Randy) Christoffersen of Casey and Lori (Mike) Weisenborn of Ankeny; her grandchildren, Jenny Christoffersen of Waterloo; Kelly Christoffersen of Ankeny; Tony Christoffersen and Michael Christoffersen, both of Casey; Ashley Ayers of Perry; Joshua Weisenborn and Jennifer Weisenborn, both of Harlan; her sister, Esther Mae (Lester) Williamson of Audubon; and her sisters-in-law, Betty Christensen of Audubon and Martha Buckholdt of Hamlin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mel Roblee Feb. 9, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Casket bearers were Duane Wright, Eldon Wright, Henry Wright, Thomas McMichael, Max Summers and Kendall Wiederstein. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.