

Karen Burk, 47

Sept. 22, 1956 - May 18, 2004

OLATHE, KS – Karen Kay Burk was born to John (Buzz) and Elaine Thielen Wendt Sept. 22, 1956, in Harlan. She was one of eight children. She graduated from Harlan High School. She received her nursing degree from Iowa Western Community College.

Karen married Patrick H. Burk, Jr. March 25, 1978, in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of one son, Patrick Burk III. They have resided in the Olathe area since 1980. She attended Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Olathe. She worked at Olathe Medical Hospital in radiology until her health declined. She died May 18, 2004, at the Olathe Medical Center, Olathe, KS, at age 47.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ray and Adeline Thielen and John and Elsie Wendt. Karen is survived by her husband of 26 years, Patrick H. Burk, Jr. of Olathe, KS; and son, Patrick H. Burk, III of Olathe, KS; her parents, John and Elaine Wendt of Portsmouth; her brothers, John (Mary Ann) Wendt of Panama; Larry (Rhonda) Wendt of Ceresco, NE; her sisters, Susan (Steve) Buck of Tennant; Lucy (Ron) Knauss of Portsmouth; Margaret "Peggy" (Bob) Barta of Portsmouth; and Beverly (Rich) Priestly of Salado, TX; and Traci (Trent) Schuning of Portsmouth; mother-in-law, Mary Burk; brother-in-law, Phillip Burk; and sister-in-law, Allisyn Burk Green (David); nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 21, 2004, at the Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Olathe, KS. Burial was in the Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens. Casket bearers were Kevin Burk, Craig Buck, John Wendt, Adam Barta, Brent Knauss, all nephews, and James Bailes.

