

Karla M. Christiansen, 45

May 25, 1952 - Sept. 13, 1997

NORTH PLATTE, NE - Karla Mae Christiansen, daughter of LaVern and Donna Mae (Myrtue) Hansen, was born May 25, 1952, in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She attended school in Harlan, graduating in 1970. She then attended school to become a dental assistant. She worked at Dubuque in Denison several years and was a distributor for the World Herald for many years.

Jan. 9, 1971, she married Darold Gessert at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan for many years.

July 30, 1988, she married Lanny "Hank" Christiansen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. They continued to make their home in Harlan until 1989, when they moved to North Platte, NE. She was an equipment operator for Western Engineering. She died Sept. 13, 1997, at Thedford, NE at age 45 years, three months and 19 days.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Jon Francis Gessert, and her son, Jason LaVern Gessert Nov. 2, 1996, and a brother Gary Lee Hansen. Survivors include her husband, Lanny (Hank) Christiansen of North Platte, NE; her father, LaVern Hansen (Opal) of Sunrise Beach, Mathis, TX; her brother, Mike Hansen (Colleen) of Harlan, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 18, 1997, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Richard Gubbels celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Bill Dolge, Michael Hansen, Chad Lyons, Mike Davidson, Redge Pash and Geoff Falkena honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Don Schramm, Mark "Hyner" Olson, Robert Green, Keith Kaufman, Wendell Koppold and Jerry Falkena. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.