

Evelyn Joanne McDermott Eblen, 41

May 16, 1950 — Dec. 21, 1991

WALNUT — Evelyn Joanne McDermott Eblen, daughter of Marjorie Jones McDermott and the late Austin McDermott, died Dec. 21, 1991, at Marshalltown, where they had been attending a Christmas party put on by Raycom Corp. She suffered an apparent heart attack. She was born May 16, 1950 in Atlantic, and grew up on her family's farm south of Walnut. She was a graduate of the Walnut Community School, class of 1968, and attended N.W.M.S. University in Maryville, for one semester.

She married Gene M. Eblen of Atlantic, April 4, 1970. They have three sons, Aaron Gene, Anthony Austin (Tony) and Adam Nicholas. They have made their home in Walnut since the fall of 1978. In her career as a secretary, she worked for DeKay Law Office, RAPCO Foam and Grinnell Mutual all in Atlantic and was currently employed at Agri-Tech in Walnut. Her community activities included membership in the First Presbyterian Church, Rainbow For Girls, where she served as Worthy Advisor, Walnut Fireflies, Armvet Auxiliary, Walnut Library Board, and Co-President of the Music Parents organization at the Walnut School.

She was preceded in death by her father, Austin McDermott, maternal grandparents, Beula and Glenn Jones, paternal grandparents; Josephine and Harry McDermott; two uncles, Herb McDermott and Glenn Jones, Jr. and one cousin, Don McDermott. She is survived by her husband Gene; sons, Aaron, Tony and Adam; mother, Marjorie McDermott; brother, James McDermott (Bobbie) and family, all of Walnut; two sisters, Elaine McDermott of Kansas City, MO.; and Karen McDermott of Atlantic, GA.; mother-in-law, Edna Lund of Atlantic; brother-in-law, Joe Eblen and his family of Lewis; brother-in-law, Joe Eblen and family of Lake Charles, LA.; plus numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24, 1991 at the Walnut High School. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery. Rev. John Murray, officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.