

Barbara Griffen, 38

Jan. 29, 1968 - Aug. 26, 2006

AVOCA — Barbara Anne Griffen, the daughter of Gerald and Alice Mlejnek Strube, was born Jan. 29, 1968, in Omaha, NE. She was baptized at Good Shepard Evangelical Lutheran Church and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. She attended school in Avoca and graduated from Avoca High School in 1986.

Barb married Donald Griffen, Sr. in 1984. She attended Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing and graduated in 1989 as a Registered Nurse. She was the mother of three children, Victoria, Donald, Jr. and Madalynne. She was employed as a registered nurse at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Avoca. She died Aug. 26, 2006, at her home in Avoca at age 38 years, six months and 28 days.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents. Survivors include her children, Victoria and Donald Griffen, Jr., and Madalynne "Maddie" DeShazer, all of Avoca; her brothers, Rick Strube of Oklahoma; Ken Strube (Tammy), and Larry Strube (Amy), both of Las Vegas, NV; best friend, Peggy (Roger) Hobus of Avoca; friend, Doug DeShazer of Omaha, NE, former husband, Donald Griffen, Sr. of Avoca; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 2006, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Casket bearers were Gene Pauley, Roger Hobus, Pauley Fortina, Brian Fortina, Terin Griffen and Tyler Griffen. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.