

Mall shooting victim was native of Defiance

OMAHA -- One of the victims in the deadly Westroads Mall shooting Wednesday, Dec. 5 had ties to the Shelby County area. Janet Jorgensen, 68, Omaha, was a saleswoman at the Von Maur store at Westroads, where she sold gift items. Jorgensen is a native of Defiance.

The Omaha World-Herald reports that she and her husband, Ron, were set to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next year. She was the mother of three children and was a grandmother to eight. Family members called her a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, dedicated to family.

Jorgensen had worked at the Von Maur store since its opening nearly 12 years ago. According to reports, Jorgensen would sometimes deliver gift items from the store to customers' homes. She was said to be a cake baker and seamstress.

Jorgensen was the daughter of LaVerne and Helen Loehr Anderson.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church with burial in the Hillcrest Cemetery. A vigil service was held Sunday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Jorgensen is survived by her husband, Ronald E. Jorgensen; children and spouses Roni and Rollie Husk of Fort Calhoun, Neb. and children Joshua, Ryan, Andi and fiance Eric, and Erin Sue Barnes; Donna and Randy Schaefer of Omaha and children Jacob, Bradley and Jordan Nicole; Ron Jr. and Kelli Jorgensen of Fort Calhoun and children Mitchell and Cassidy; her mother, Helen Eggers, of Omaha; sisters Judy Ribick and husband, Charles, Mary Bratty and husband Bob, brother Jim Anderson and brother-in-law Don Wilson, all of Omaha; nieces and nephews.



Janet D. Jorgensen