

Marilyn L. Kleffman, 56

July 15, 1944 - Jan 10, 2001

PORTSMOUTH – Marilyn Lea Kleffman was born July 15, 1944, to Evelyn (Bissen) and Ural Smith on a farm near Dunlap. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and was a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School in Panama. Following high school, she attended Mercy School of Nursing in Co Bluffs, graduating with a Registered Nursing degree.

In August of 1964, she married Ronald Kleffman at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Following their wedding, the couple made their home in Portsmouth. To this union, three children were born. She worked as a private duty nurse for several years before becoming a Supervisory Nurse at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She also taught Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and Advanced Cardio Life Support. She was a member of St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. She was an instructor of Catholic Christian Education for several years. She died, Jan 10, 2001, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age fifty-six years, five months and twenty-five days.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Kleffman of Portsmouth; her children, Dawn Kleffman of Denison, Troy Kleffman of Aberdeen, SD, Tanya (Doug) Hobbie of Sidney; her granddaughter, Cassidy Hobbie of Sidney; her parents, Ural and Evelyn Smith of Panama; her sister and brothers, Phyllis (Ken) Monahan of Harlan, Norman Smith (Jean) of Woodbine, Gaylen Smith (Zita) of Portsmouth, Roland Smith (Phyllis) of Portsmouth, and Randy Smith (Bonnie) of Omaha, NE and Dan Smith (Tammy) of Ankeny; neices and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, Jan 15, 2001, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Shurch in Portsmouth, with Rev. James Kleffman celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth, with Dan Smith, Roland Smith, Randy Smith, Gaylen Smith, Norman Smith and Ken Monahan casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

