

JoAnn Villegas, 75

March 10, 1938 - Oct. 8, 2013

IRWIN — JoAnn Maureen, daughter of Ernst and Mary (Fredericks) Bohlmann, was born March 10, 1938 on the family farm near Ricketts. She started rural school near Ricketts and then attended Ida Grove junior and senior high school.

In 1955 JoAnn was united in marriage with Merle Dean Rupert. Two children were born to this union. They lived in rural Ida Grove.

Later JoAnn graduated from DMACC with a cosmetology degree. She worked as a cosmetologist in her own beauty shops. She also became

a CNA and worked in a nursing home serving others before settling in Irwin where on June 5, 1977 JoAnn was united in marriage with Johnnie Villegas at St. Paul Lutheran Church. They made their home in Irwin where she operated her beauty shop for many years. JoAnn earned her license to drive truck from WIT in 1991 and started driving for Western Engineering. She then became a school bus driver in 2005 until the spring of 2013. JoAnn was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Irwin where she sang in the choir and was a member of the Women's Club. JoAnn enjoyed camping and rode on RAGBRAI for three years. She enjoyed collecting angels, crosses and Christmas bears. She often spent her spare time crocheting and knitting. JoAnn loved and valued her time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren above everything else. JoAnn was diagnosed with cancer in August of 2013. She died peacefully at her home on Tuesday morning, October 8, 2013 at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Preceding JoAnn in death are her parents; step-father George Bruhn; and brother Larry Bohlmann and his wife Alice. She is survived by her husband John Villegas of Irwin; daughter Jodean Rupert-Groesbeck of Oklahoma City, OK and son Roderick "Rowdey" Rupert of Parkers Prairie, MN; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; siblings Kathy Bohlmann of Brayton, David (Joene) Bohlmann of Manning, Jerry (Mary) Bohlmann of Cheyenne, WY and Rick (Tauna) Bohlmann of Audubon; step siblings Willis (Dawn) Bruhn of Audubon, Orrin (Carol) Bruhn of Irwin, Susan (Michael) Lapham of Audubon, Edward (Veronica) Bruhn of Santee, CA and Russell (Bev) Bruhn of Audubon; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, October 11, 2013 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Irwin with Pastor Ron Rasmussen, officiating. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art", "The Lord's Prayer", and "On Eagle's Wings", "You Raise Me Up" by Pastor Tony Barton and "The Holy City" by Pastor Ron Rasmussen with Peggy Doonan, accompanist. Casketbearers were Katie



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Cody Rupert, Rachel Elliot and Danialle Dregger. Honorary casketbearers were her great grandchildren, Nathaniel De Buhr, Wes Iversen, and Luke Iversen. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin.