

## Dawn Defenbaugh, 38

*June 15, 1967 - Aug. 1, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Dawn Marie Defenbaugh, daughter of Bruce and Ruth (Merk) Shutters, was born June 15, 1967, in Lubbock, TX, and was one of four children in the family. She graduated from AvoHa High School with the class of 1985 and then attended one year at the Nebraska College of Business in Omaha, NE.

Dawn married Bill Defenbaugh Aug. 30, 1986, at the Hancock United Methodist Church. After their marriage, they made their home in Avoca. They were the parents of three daughters, twins Molly and Megan and Alexandria. While in Avoca, she worked for a short time at the Avoca Journal Herald. In 1993, they made their home in Harlan where she became a full time employee of CDS. To be closer to Bill's job in Shelby, the family made their home in Tennant in 1994. When the girls were old enough for school they moved back to Harlan in 1998 and this has been their home since. She was a member of the Hancock United Methodist Church where she was baptized, confirmed and married. Dawn died Aug. 1, 2005, at the Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE at age 38 years, one month and 16 days.

Dawn was preceded in death by her father, Bruce Shutters; her father-in-law, Chuck Defenbaugh; her maternal grandparents, Ben and Hazel Merk; her paternal grandparents, Lebert and Dorothy Shutters and by an aunt, Leberta Clem. She is survived by her husband, Bill Defenbaugh; her daughters, Molly, Megan and Alexandria Defenbaugh, all of Harlan; her mother, Ruth Shutters of Hancock; sister, Kimberly Jeray (Ron) of Spencer; two brothers: Jeffrey Shutters (Rhonda) of Hancock and Mike Shutters (Cathy) of Walnut; her brother-in-law, Dan Defenbaugh (Valerie) of Altoona; her grandmother, Elizabeth Merk of Manson; her mother-in-law, Ethel Defenbaugh of Harlan and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 2005, at the Hancock United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Judy R. Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Aaron Shutters, Amber Shutters, Dorothy Margrove, Jamie Shutters, Lisa Shutters, Andy Shutters and Christi Shutters. Casket bearers were Alan Jensen, Billy Shutters, Brian Shutters, Matthew Mark, Tim Post and Brian Shutters. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

