

## Barbara Fairchild, 67

*April 3, 1937 - Oct. 18, 2004*

**HARLAN** — Barbara JoAnn Fairchild, daughter of Dallas and Marie Christine (Simonsen) Haskins, was born April 3, 1937, in Audubon. She attended school in Audubon and graduated from Audubon High School with the class of 1955.

Barb married Kelly Fairchild Sept. 2, 1955, in Carroll. They were the parents of three daughters, Kim, Kristi and Karla. After their marriage, Barb was employed at the Audubon County Hospital. In 1961, the family moved to Harlan where she was employed at Mickel's Restaurant, Swansons Grocery and Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She later worked at the Harlan Doctors Clinic as a bookkeeper. Barb enjoyed sewing and because of this, she started her own business, the Harlan Sewing Center in 1975. She continued working until her retirement in 1995 due to her heart illness. Aug. 21, 1995, Barb underwent heart transplant surgery after several months of enduring heart failure. Barb's gift of life came from a young officer, Jimmy Wilson, Jr., who died in the line of duty in Omaha, NE. It was his heart that Barb received and gave her a second chance in life. Barb spoke often of the importance of organ donation and how special the gift was that she received. Because of this, her relationship with Jimmy Wilson Jr.'s family will be cherished forever. Barb was active in the community and helped with the local bloodmobiles and at the polls at election times even when her health was poor. Barb died Oct. 18, 2004, at Bryan LGH East in Lincoln, NE at age 67 years, six months and 15 days.

In addition to her father, Barb was preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Chambers. She is survived by her mother, Marie (Glen) Thompson of Audubon; her husband of 49 years, Kelly of Harlan; her daughters, Kim (Dick) Zimmerman of Cedar Falls; Kristi (Paul) Wegner and Karla (Rick) Kramer, all of Harlan; seven grandchildren, Amy (Clint) Jensen of Des Moines; Kelly Zimmerman and his fiancé, Amy Peterson of Ames; P.J. Wegner of Allantico; Ryan Wegner; Andrea Rasmussen; Brittany and McKenzie Moore, all of Harlan; her brothers and sisters, Dallas Haskins, Jr. of Hope Mills, NC; Jackie (Lynn) Peterson of Harlan; Alan Haskins (JoAnn) of Audubon; Mike Haskins (Nancy) of Florence, KY; Sherry Payne of North Augusta, SC; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Amy Jensen, Clint Jensen, Ryan Wegner, Andrea Rasmussen, Kelly Zimmerman, Amy Peterson, P.J. Wegner, Brittany Moore, and McKenzie Moore.

