

Beverly Fancher, 71

Jan. 15, 1937 - Feb. 11, 2008

Beverly LaVonne Fancher, the daughter of Leonard Christian and Bernice Irene Graves Larsen, was born January 15, 1937 at her parent's home near Jacksonville, IA in Shelby County and died February 11, 2008 at the Exira Care Center in Exira, IA at the age of 71 years and 26 days. Bev was baptized August 10, 1945 at the Harlan Hospital and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1951 in Jacksonville. She attended rural school Jackson #4 then graduated from the Harlan High School with the class of 1955.

December 16, 1955 Bev was united in marriage to Arnie Nelsen. Seven children were born to this union. Bev was a homemaker for many years until she and Arnie separated. Bev was employed as a waitress at several area restaurants then was a dietary aide at the Friendship Home for many years.

February 4, 1984 she was united in marriage to Bill Fancher at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon, IA. Bev was a homemaker for many years. During this time she helped care for her parents and her son Chad who had been injured in an auto accident. Bev and Bill parted ways in 1992. Bev then worked as a cashier at several convenience stores until she retired in 1996. During retirement she continued to care for Chad and enjoyed all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Preceding Bev in death were her parents. Survivors include her children: Julie Colebank and friend Rich Stacy of Manning, IA; Jeri and husband Jeff Nelsen of Omaha, NE; Michael Nelsen of Grand Island, NE; Ranae and husband Don Schlater of Exira, IA; Lisa and husband John Alexander of Audubon, IA; Karla Nelsen of Phoenix, AZ and Chad Nelsen of Anita, IA; her grandchildren: Natalie and husband Estaurdo Gomez of Palm Dale, CA; Brandi and husband Matt Kraft of Rockwell City, IA; Ashlee Colebank and friend Nathaniel Short of Charter Oak, IA; Jeremy and wife Miranda Nelsen of Omaha; Jerrod and wife Jessica Nelsen of Cypress, TX; Jodi and husband Jamie Driskell of Tabor, IA; Justin and wife Hope Nelsen of Omaha; Katrina Nelsen of Grand Island, NE; Travis Alexander and Jesse Alexander both of Audubon; Trey and Shelbi Onustock of Phoenix, AZ; her great grandchildren: Kieresten Gomez, Khiah Gomez, Diego Gomez and Olivia Gomez all of Palm Dale, CA; Callie Nelsen of Omaha; Diesel Driskell of Tabor; Timarie Kraft, Taick Kraft both of Rockwell City; Dominik Short and Zander Short both of Charter Oak; Aidan Nelsen and Annabelle both of Omaha; her brothers: Gary and wife Rose Ann Larsen of Harlan, IA; Jim Larsen of Clearwater, FL; Dennie and wife Mary Ann Larsen of Phoenix, AZ, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Leon Hodges on Thursday, February 14, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, IA. Interment was in the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, IA. Casket bearers were Chris Larsen, Brad Nickum, Greg Larsen, John Alexander, Dennie Larsen, and Gary Larsen. The family met friends Wednesday evening at 6:00 at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira. The family prefers memorials to the Cass County Memorial Hospital Home Care/Hospice.

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