

Barbara Lebeck, 70

Dec. 28, 1935 - Oct. 23, 2006

IRWIN — Barbara Jane, daughter of Ray and Nora (Griffin) Lasley, was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Red Oak. She attended school and graduated from Red Oak High School.

Oct. 15, 1953, Barbara married Nathan Butcher at Yuma, AZ, when he was home on leave from the military. When her husband was sent to Korea, she moved back to Emerson, to live with his grandmother. After her husband was discharged from the military, they made their home in Omaha, NE, where their three children were born. During this time, Barbara was a full time homemaker caring for her children. She moved to Audubon, in 1974, where she operated her own ceramic shop.

Later in life she was married again and took the name Barbara Lebeck. She then moved to Kimballton and worked at Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn. Barbara attended the United Methodist Church in Irwin, where she had moved in 2004 to be near her daughter. Shortly after her move to Irwin, Barbara's health began to decline and in mid-2006 she was diagnosed with cancer. She died at her home in Irwin Oct. 23, 2006, at age 70 years, nine months and 25 days.

Preceding Barbara in death are her parents; husband; son, Dennis Butcher; and sister, Donna Wachter. She is survived by her son, Keith Butcher (Kathy) of Omaha, NE; daughter, Kathy (Andy) Rasmussen of Irwin; four grandchildren, Andrea (Kenny) Oster of Omaha, NE; Scott Butcher of Omaha, NE; Juscinda Butcher of Corning; and Devon Butcher of Corning; two step-grandchildren, Toni Stork of Harlan and Mark Rasmussen of Irwin; one great-grandson, Nicholas Oster; and four step-great-grandchildren, Cale and Tenna Stork of Harlan and Madison and Jaedan Rasmussen of Harlan; three half sisters, Nadine (Clyde) Sellers of Red Oak; Sharon (Ron) Hultquist of Red Oak; and Lois (Joe) Hartley of Kansas City, MO; brother-in-law, James Wachter of Carter Lake; special 'brother' Lester Johnson of Rochester, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26, 2006, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton with "Mack" honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Scott Butcher, Devon Butcher, Kenny Oster, Rick Bybee, Steve Heuton and Mark Rasmussen. Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla in charge of arrangements.