

Melissa Manhart, 16

March 3, 1984 – Sept. 1, 2000 ✓

PERSIA – Melissa Ann Manhart was born March 3, 1984, in Council Bluffs, daughter of Dan and Peggy Ploen Manhart. Melissa attended Tri-Center Schools of Neola, and was a member of the junior class. She participated in band, chorus and speech. She was a member of the volleyball and softball teams, was involved in the Mentoring Program at school, was an office aid and was presently serving as a member of the Student Council. She was involved in 4-H activities through the Persia Satellites 4-H Club. She was baptized and confirmed at the Minden United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. She died Sept. 1, 2000, as a result of an auto accident near her home at age 16 years, five months and 29 days.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Dan and Peggy Manhart; her grandparents, Lynn and Eva Manhart of Neola; Margie Ploen of Avoca and Harley Ploen of Avoca; uncles and aunts, Linda Zellmer, Jack and Judy Ploen, Vince and Tamera Ploen, Chuck and Linda Ploen, Vern Manhart, David and Cindy Manhart and Calvin and Amy Manhart; her faithful dog, Toby; cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 2000, at the Tri-Center High School with Superintendent Brett Nanninga, Tri-Center High School and Dale Gleason officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were members of the junior class. Casket bearers were David Manhart, Calvin Manhart, Vern Manhart, Jack Ploen, Vince Ploen and Charles Ploen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.