

## Charlene Monson, 59

*May 9, 1946 - Feb. 5, 2006*

**IRWIN** — Charlene Kay Monson, daughter of Bennie and Tena (Christensen) Elmquist, was born May 9, 1946, in Harlan. She attended grade school in Kimballton and high school in Elk Horn where she graduated with the class of 1965.

After school, Charlene married Eugene Monson at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, March 6, 1966. To this union, two boys were born, Jason in 1968 and Jeffrey in 1970. After their marriage, the couple made their home on a farm outside of Irwin and this has been their home ever since. Charlene was active with her boys in 4-H and supported their work in all of their projects. As a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, she served her church for many years and held many church office positions. She also was an avid golfer and served on the Rosman Glendale Golf Course board for numerous years. She also donated her time and talents to school and community events. She died at home, surrounded by her family, Feb. 5, 2006, at age 59 years, eight months and 27 days.

In addition to her parents, Charlene was preceded in death by her brother, Gene Elmquist. She is survived by her husband, Gene Monson of Irwin; her sons, Jason Monson (Michele) of Irwin, and Jeffrey Monson (Kristen) of Urbandale; her grandchildren: Alana, Eli, Owen, Casey and Reese Monson; her brother, Gerald Elmquist (Evelyn) of Elk Horn; her sister, Connie (Edwin) Benson of Irwin; her sister-in-law, Kay Elmquist of Mapleton; her brother-in-law, Cyrus Monson (Marolyn) of Irwin; her nieces and nephews, Michael Elmquist of Kansas City, MO; Marvin Elmquist of Omaha, NE; Todd Elmquist of Federal Way, WA; Toni Elmquist and Shari Erlemeier, both of Mapleton; Lonnie Benson of Irwin; Glenda Cantrell of Harlan; Lynn Benson of Grimes; Cy Monson, Jr. of Atlantic; Eric Monson of Irwin; and David Monson of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2006, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Mike Williams officiating. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin with Erica Fara, Sharon Fara, Steve Fara, Marvin Elmquist, Shari Erlemeier, Todd Elmquist, Glenda Cantrell and Cyrus Monson, Jr. honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Eric Monson, Michael Elmquist, David Monson, Lynn Benson, Toni Elmquist and Lonnie Benson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

