

## **Barbara Morse,**

**July 13, 1943 - Nov. 18, 2009**

**GARDNER, KS** — Barbara Lorraine Morse, the daughter of Vernon Claire and Juanita Pearl McBride Jans (former Harlan residents), was born July 13, 1943, in Reinbeck. Barbara grew up in Iowa, graduating from Dike High School in Dike.

January 29, 1966, Barbara was united in marriage to Terrance Lee Blum in Harlan, at St. Michael's Church. Three children were born to this union: Teresa, Michael and Bruce. The family resided in Kirkman, for several years.

In 1984, she married William J. Morse in Malad, ID. She was a member of LDS Church in Paola, KS and enjoyed gardening, fishing, baking and spending time with their dogs, Brat, Josie and Lady. She recently retired from working in 2007. Barbara suffered a massive stroke and died suddenly on November 18, 2009, at Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, KS, at the age of 66 years, 4 months and 5 days.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Carolyn Jans and Susan Jans and her former husband, Terrance Blum. She is survived by her husband, William Morse, of Gardner, KS; brother Leland J. Jans of Lafayette, LA; children: Teresa Jans, St. Joseph, MO; Michael D. Blum (currently working in Afghanistan) and wife Carolynn, Florence, KY; and Bruce D. Blum and wife, Carolyn of Harlan; step-children: Kenneth J. Morse, David Morse, and Rick Morse, all of Ogden, UT; fourteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2009, at Bruce Funeral Home in Gardner, KS. Funeral services were held at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2009, with Rev. Russ Payzant performing the services.

Casket bearers were Bruce Blum, Leland Jans, Kenneth Morse, David Morse, Rick Morse and Darrell Layton. Interment was held at the Gardner Cemetery in



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