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Charlene Schmidt, 40

Nov. 18, 1951 — Dec. 4, 1991

HARLAN - Charlene Ann Schmitz, daughter of Elmer and Arlene (Schechinger) Schwery, was born Nov. 18, 1951, at Harlan. She died Dec. 4, 1991, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE., just 16 days after her 40th birthday. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended St. Boniface School. She graduated from Harlan Community High School in 1969, and then attended Iowa

State University in Ames, graduating in 1973.

June 22, 1974, she married Leon Schmidt at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Two children were born to this union. She taught school at Neola and Westphalia and was currently a teacher at St. Mary's Regional School in Panama. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

Survivors include her husband, Leon of Harlan; a son, Jeff; and a daughter, Kathryn, both at home in Harlan; a step daughter, Lisa (Jon) Neuenschwander of Westminster, CO.; two grandchildren; her parents, Elmer and Arlene Schwery of Westphalia; her mother-in-law, Odelia Schmidt of Portsmouth; two sisters, Cheryl (Curt) Ronfeldt of Westphalia and Christi Schwery of Westphalia; three brothers, Lynn Michael (Ardith) Schwery of Atlantic; Tim (Cheryl) Schwery of Underwood; and Kelly (Sandi) Schwery of Co. Bluffs and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 7, 1991 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant and Rev. Mike McLaughlin as the Homilist. Concelebrating was Rev. Chuck Kottas and Rev. Paul Bianchi. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Seth Tolzin, John Leinen, Eric Schmidt, Tony Cavanaugh, Dallas Schwery and Dave Schechinger, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.