

## **Nancy Jo Steenson, 25**

**PERSIA** — Nancy Jo Kriz Steenson, daughter of George and Maxine Kriz was born Nov. 26, 1962 in Co. Bluffs and grew up in the Persia area. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia and later confirmed there.

She was a 1981 graduate of Tri-Center High School and a 1985 graduate of N.W.M.S.U., where she was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority. She needed only to complete her thesis to receive her doctorate at the University of Texas, Health Center in Dallas. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxilliary of Persia. She was an active 4-H member during her youth. She married Jim Steenson Sept. 12 at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Co. Bluffs. They lived at rural Minden. She died Dec. 9, 1987 at an Omaha hospital after complications following heart surgery, at age 25 years and 13 days.

She is survived by her husband, James of Minden; her parents, George and Maxine Kriz of Persia; one brother, Roger of Minneapolis, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Wake service was held at Beem-Belford Funeral Home in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 11 with Fr. Patrick McCaslin giving the welcome. Funeral services were Dec. 12 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia with Rev. Wendell Berggren and Deacon Jerry Steenson, officiating. Casket bearers were Randy Cox, Scott Dollen, Jeff Olson, Marvin Fey, Jr., Rick Huebner and Greg Bush. Honorary bearers were David Albers, John Floerchinger, Brian Floerchinger, Mona Stamp Buffum and Mary Stamp Dooley. Burial was in the Valley View cemetery at Persia with Beem Belford Funeral Home in charge.