

Karen Ann Schelling, 54

June 16, 1944 - Aug. 19, 1998

ROCHESTER, MN - Karen Ann Richards was born June 16, 1944, in Harlan, to Harold and Marjorie Richards. She grew up in the local area and graduated from the Elk Horn-Kimballton High School in 1962.

She married Brian Schelling at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, June 5, 1965. They had lived in the Rochester, MN area for 22 years. Her husband is a retired IBM employee. She was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and its Altar Guild and the Minnesota Quilters. In 1994, she received a Minnesota Council for quality commendation. She was coordinator of volunteer ministry at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. She died Aug. 29, 1998, following a short bout with cancer at age 54.

She is survived by her husband, Brian; two sons, Jeff Schelling of Kasson, MN and Greg at home; a granddaughter; her parents, Harold and Marjorie Richards of Kimballton, and a sister, Jill (David) Clark of Harlan; nephews, Colin and Jeremy Clark of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 1, 1998, at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas Andersen officiating. Burial was in the Byron Cemetery.