

## Mary Wendelin, 56

*April 28, 1949 - Aug. 24, 2005*

**WEST DES MOINES** — Mary Linda Zobrist Wendelin was born April 28, 1949, daughter of Hubert and Lois Bintz Zobrist, of Hancock, the second of four children. She attended elementary school in Hancock and graduated from AvoHa Class of 1967.

June 14, 1969, Mary married her high school sweetheart, George Wendelin. Mary and George were blessed with a son and daughter, Aaron and Andrea. She graduated from Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing in 1971. Mary and George made their home in West Des Moines, where she pursued her nursing career. In 1978, Mary and family relocated to Crawfordsville, IN. She continued her career in nursing, working at nursing homes in both Crawfordsville and Ladoga, IN. She was also employed as the Industrial Safety Nurse at Raybestos, Inc. in Crawfordsville. Mary and George returned to Iowa in 1991, making their home in the Cedar Falls-Waverly area. In 1996, they moved yet again to Pickwick Dam, TN. They made their home on the lake. They kept a second home in West Des Moines, to be close to family, especially her father, Hubert Zobrist. She died Aug. 24, 2005, at Mt. Pleasant, at age 56.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, George; her son, Aaron (Nikki) of Crawfordsville, IN; her daughter, Andrea (Jim) Grutzmacher of Wheaton, IL; two grandchildren, Kaile and Madison Wendelin; her mother-in-law, Betty Wendelin Stendrup of Avoca; her sister, Patty (Gary) Johnson of Atlantic; her sister, LouAnn (Jay) Niemann of Indianola; her brother, Leslie Zobrist (Sheila) of Spencer; her brother-in-law, Gary Wendelin of Avoca; her sister-in-law, Cathy Brendeland (Jim) of Ames; her brother-in-law, Jon Wendelin (Jane) of Slater; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2005, at the Hancock Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Paul Tucker, Chuck Stull, Jacob Zobrist, Ben Niemann, Scott Anderson, Page Sutton, David Zobrist and Nick Niemann. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.