

## **Karen Wiebers, 62**

*April 5, 1938 – April 25, 2000*

**PARKVILLE, MO** – Karen Kay, daughter of Harry and Blondina Grimm Carstens, was born April 5, 1938, in Manning. She attended school in Manning, graduating with the Manning High School Class of 1956. She then attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines, and subsequently worked as an administrative assistant in Des Moines.

Sept. 3, 1961, she married Robert Wiebers at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. Two sons were born to this union. For their first year of marriage they lived in Brookings, SD, while Bob finished classes at South Dakota State University. They then lived in Waterloo for a short time before moving to Downer's Grove, IL. In 1975, they returned to Iowa, moving to Hudson where Karen worked at the Hudson Elementary School. In 1986, they moved to Kansas City and from 1990 to 1992 lived in Co. Bluffs. They then moved to Parkville, MO. She died April 25, 2000, at North Kansas City Hospital in North Kansas City, MO, following a two and a half-year battle with cancer at age 62 years and 20 days.

Karen is preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband, Robert Wiebers of Parkville, MO; two sons, Greg Wiebers (Rhonda) of Mesa, AZ; Ryan Wiebers (Sue) of Hudson; four grandchildren, Lewis and Kendra Wiebers and Breana and Shelby Wiebers; mother, Blondina Carstens of Manning; two brothers, Lenny Carstens (Sheryl) of Co. Bluffs and Kenard Carstens (Vicki) of Harlan; parents-in-law, Leroy and Margaret Wiebers of Westside; sister-in-law, Kay Wiebers of Westside; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 28, 2000, at the United Church of Westside, with Pastor Virginia Stiles officiating. Burial was in the Westside Cemetery. Casket bearers were John Faust, Tim Silence, Larry Von Tersch, Coby Carstens, Dean Staack, Kara Carstens, Rob Butler and Chris Hodges. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.