

## **Ardis Wilson, 66** ✓

*Aug. 9, 1940 - Jan. 14, 2007*

**MAPLETON** — Ardis Lorayne Wilson was born in the Mapleton area Aug. 9, 1940, daughter of Ernest Walter Frederick and Frances (Herrington) Koeppen. At age five, her family moved to Brooks, Alberta, Canada, where they lived for six years before returning to Mapleton. She graduated from Mapleton High School in 1958.



Ardis was married Feb. 6, 1960, to James William Wilson. The couple then settled in Persia. She was a homemaker for her husband, Jim, and their three girls for 23 years before looking outside the home for work. She worked as the secretary for Tri-Center Elementary School in Neola for many years. After the death of her husband Jan. 7, 1996, she returned to Mapleton and worked as a medical transcriptionist at Burgess Health Center in Onawa. She was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton. She died Jan. 14, 2007, in Harlan at age 66 years, five months and five days.

Ardis was preceded in death by her husband, James Wilson; her father, Ernest Walter Frederick Koeppen; her father-in-law, Joseph Leonard Wilson; and sisters-in-law, Betty Points Wilson and Beverly Green Koeppen. She is survived by her daughters, Valerie (Jim) Plambeck of Indianola, Teresa (Randy) Coenen of Harlan, and Angela (Deke) Rife of Logan; her mother, Frances Herrington Koeppen of Mapleton; sister, Zola (Wayne) Kafton of Mapleton; and brother, Larry Koeppen of Kansas City, MO; eight grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 2007, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton, with Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia, with Steven James Plambeck, Ryan Lee Coenen, Dean Wilson Plambeck, Tyler John Coenen, Timothy Wayne Kafton and Justin Herrington Koeppen casketbearers. Armstrong Funeral Service in Mapleton, in charge of arrangements.