

Margaret Sorenson, 73

March 31, 1931 - May 23, 2004

HARLAN — Margaret Colleen Sorenson, daughter of Collin Franklin and Lura Margaret (Winn) Miller, was born March 31, 1931, in Tennant. Her father died early in Colleen's life and Lura married Milo H. Godberson, who raised Colleen and her sisters and brother as his own. Colleen was raised in Denison, where she attended school and graduated from Denison High School with the class of 1949.

Colleen, who preferred her middle name, married Rex G. Sorenson June 20, 1953, in Omaha, NE. Five children were born to this union, Carmel, Cindy, Bucky, Skip and Chip. Colleen and Rex resided in Harlan for many years where during much of this time they worked together at the Harlan Country Club with Rex managing the course and Colleen managing the bar and restaurant. Colleen was also employed at the Chicken Hut for many years while Rex owned and managed Sorenson Auto Parts. In 1988, they moved to Sioux Rapids, where Rex continued his work with Little Sioux Golf and Country Club. Following the death of her husband, Colleen moved back to Harlan in 1997 where she was employed by Hy-Vee. She died May 23, 2004, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 73 years, one month and 23 days.

In addition to her parents, Colleen was preceded in death by her stepfather, Milo Godberson; her husband, Rex G. Sorenson; an infant brother; and her sister, Marilyn Westphal. She is survived by her children, Carmel (Ron) Dardis of Johnston; Cindy (Don Oehlert of Omaha, NE; Bucky (Jay) Rehnstrom of Sioux Rapids; Skip Sorenson (Carrie) of Newhall, CA; and Chip Sorenson of Sioux Falls, SD; her grandchildren, Megan, Jillian, Jamie, Cara and Raun Dardis; Jessica Oehlert; Kyle, Alex and Grace Rehnstrom; Michael, Ryan, Kylie and Mollie Sorenson; and Paige, Chance, Jase and Justice Sorenson; her sister, Bummy (Harvey) Longnecker of Council Bluffs; her brother, Roger Miller of Las Cruces, NM; her brother-in-law, Jerry Westphal of Welcome, MN; her sister-in-law, Helen Sorenson of Tucson, AZ; three very special families, Richard DeCarlo, Candi, Nick and Ashley; Jolene Lytle and Cole Custer and Randy Nowatzke, Deb and Samantha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 26, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Mark Rehnstrom, Doug Barglof, Bob Pierce, Richard DeCarlo and Bruce Ferguson were honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Farrell Zimmerman, Chuck Lyon, Randy Nowatzke, Gene Gettys, Jr., Joe Zacccone, Tom Zacccone and Joe Daeges and Cole Custer. Burial was held in the Lone Tree Cemetery in Sioux Rapids, with Pastor Emily Allen clergy. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

