

## **Ardith Bivens, 66** ✓

*Aug. 3, 1939 - May 16, 2006*

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** — Ardith Irene Bivens was born Aug. 3, 1939, at home in a small farmhouse in Cuppy's Grove. She was baptized at the Altamont Baptist Church January 1951 and became a member of the church Oct. 28, 1951. She died May 16, 2006, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs after a battle with cancer at age 66.

Ardith is preceded in death by her son, Marty; her parents; her nephew, Randy; her nephew, Jeremy; her brother, Don; and sister, Marvel. She is survived by her daughter, Tracie Bivens (John) Wood of Norwalk; her best friend, Dennis Akers of Avoca; his family, Rob, Amy, Erin and Logan Akers of Walnut; Ryan, Angie, Hunter and Kylie of Lake Park; Linda and John Hall of Omaha, NE; five siblings and their families, Lavonne (Fred) Fox of Harlan; Dick (Karen) Anderson of Harlan; Wayne (Mary) Anderson of Knoxville; Norma Anderson of Harlan; Lois Gordon of Harlan; dear friends, Pat and Larry Butler of Boulder City, NV; Grace and Gary Madden of Avoca; Sandy and Dar Wilson of Sioux Falls, SD; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 19, 2006 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca with Pastor Dianna Holland of the Altamont Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Rob Akers, Gary Madden, Ryan Akers, John Wood, Chuck Madden, Sr., Bob Gries, David Anderson and Ronnie Akers. Casket bearers were Dale Gries, Kenny Anderson, Delmar Gries, Ronald Fox, Joe David and Randy Schnack.