

Deanna "Dee" Bonnesen, 59

June 14, 1941 – July 12, 2000

AURELIA, IA – Deanna Faye Johansen was born June 14, 1941, daughter of Everett and Bernice (Juel) Johansen in Audubon. She graduated from the Audubon High School and attended Grandview College in Des Moines.

Dee worked for the ISU Extension Service in Audubon until her marriage April 14, 1962 to Richard Bonnesen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. She then worked as an aid in a nursing home in Elk Horn until they moved to Elkhorn, NE where she worked as a secretary for KK Appliance. The family moved to Carroll in 1964 and lived there briefly before moving to Aurelia. She started working for the Aurelia Community School in 1972 as a teacher's aid, and became the elementary secretary in 1976. She retired from the school June 12, 2000. Dee died, July 12, 2000 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Preceding her in death was her father-in-law, Folmer Bonnesen. Survivors are her husband, Richard; a daughter, Suzanne (Mark) Sangwin; a son, Bruce (Sally) Bonnesen; eight grandchildren: Josh, Siera, Douglas, Kurtis and Tiffany Bonnesen; and Mason, Trevor and Alex Sangwin, all of Aurelia; her parents, Everett and Bernice Johansen of Audubon; two sisters; Mary Ellen (Daryl) Fischer of Audubon and Clarann Irlmeier of Carroll; her mother-in-law, Martha Bonnesen of Elk Horn; a sister-in-law, Janet (Galan) Johannsen of Harlan; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted, July 16, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church in Aurelia where she was a member. Rev. Gary Armstrong officiated. Honorary casketbearers were Daryl Fischer, Galan Johannsen, Eric Johannsen, Reid Johannsen, Dale Fink, Nathan Irlmeier and Matt Peterson. Casketbearers were Stan Sherkenbak, Lloyd Myers, Dick Yogt, Gerald Meendering, Jeff Bowen and Max Martinsen. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Aurelia.

