

Janelle Gilliland, 55

Oct. 31, 1947 - Aug. 23, 2003

HARLAN — Janelle Diane Gilliland, daughter of Mervin and Noyon Chandler Schaaf, was born Oct. 31, 1947, in Council Bluffs. She was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Janelle attended Valley No. 1 country school grades one through four, grades fifth through eighth in Hancock, and then freshman through senior grades at Avo-Ha High school in Avoca, graduating with the class of 1965. Janelle then attended Iowa State University and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. After her graduation from college, Janelle taught school in Idaho Falls, ID. After moving to Harlan in 1980, she began teaching grades kindergarten through first in Earling, and then in the Harlan Community School system.



Janelle married John L. Gilliland, Jr. April 21, 1984, in Holt, MO. They were the parents of two children, Terri Lea and Adam. Janelle had been teaching sixth grade math since 1985. Janelle was a past member of Pottawattamie County 4-H, where she held many county office positions. She had won many honors while in 4-H and was even recognized for her work in Chicago. Janelle remained active outside the home and classroom. Janelle died Aug. 23, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 55 years, nine months and 23 days.

Her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schaaf; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chandler; uncles, Norman and Dean Chandler; and an aunt, Elaine Andersen, preceded Janelle in death. She is survived by her parents, Mervin and Noyon Schaaf of Avoca; her husband, John Gilliland of Harlan; her children, Terri Lea (Brent) Soll of Harlan and her son, Adam David Caraher of New York, NY; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Christian and Daniel Soll; one brother, Doug Schaaf (Judy) of Seattle, WA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts and Rev. James Warren officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Nicholas Soll, Daniel Soll and Christian Soll honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Zea, Gary Wirtjes, Jim Swensen, Phil Perkins, Paul Nelson and Keith Fiscus. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.