

Karla Gustason, 70

Feb. 11, 1941 - Nov. 19, 2011

KIRKMAN — Karla Kay Gustason

was born on February 11, 1941 to Walter and Erma (Smith) Turk in Atlantic. She was baptized and confirmed at First Methodist Church in Atlantic. She attended school in Atlantic and graduated with the Class of 1959.

September 6, 1959, Karla was united in marriage to Larry Gustason at the First Methodist Church in Atlantic. They had two sons: Brent and Kevin. From 1959 to 1961, she worked as a secretary at Walnut Grove in Atlantic. The family moved to Harlan in 1964. Karla owned and worked at the Sears catalog store between 1970 and 1972 with Larry. She became Assistant Director for the Harlan Community Library and stayed in that position for

twenty-eight years. Karla became a member of the Harlan Methodist Church after moving to Harlan. She was also a member of the Harlan-Lebanon Chapter of Eastern Star, Harlan Jaycettes, Daughters of Nile (Shrine), the Iowa Library Association, and the Harlan Flames, participating in the women's firefighters water fights. She loved to travel and go camping and on cruises. She also loved to cook. Karla was a member of the Red Hat Ladies and was also supportive of the racing team. Karla and Larry started spending their winters at their winter home in San Benito, TX, where happy hour was at 3:30 and she attended "staff meetings" with her iced tea. Karla died on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of seventy years, nine months, and eight days.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, Larry Gustason of Kirkman; sons Brent Gustason and his wife Linda of Campbellsport, WI and Kevin Gustason and his wife Lu of Evergreen, CO; two grandchildren: Quinn Gustason and Danielle Capra; brother Darwin Turk and his wife Ruth of Lewis; sister Jonell and her husband Jack Cook of Mt. Ayr; other family members and friends.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Darwin Moore at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Inurnment will be held at a later date.



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