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Joyce Larsen, 55

Aug. 30, 1949 - Dec. 29, 2004

NEWTON — Joyce Larsen, daughter of Nick and Alma (Arkfeld) Bruck, was born Aug. 30, 1949, at the home of her grandmother, Clara Bruck, in Harlan. She was raised in Portsmouth, graduating from St. Mary's Panama-Portsmouth Catholic School in 1967.

Sept. 6, 1969, Joyce married Jim Larsen in Portsmouth. Joyce and Jim made their home in central Iowa, most recently, Newton. In addition to a brief banking career, Joyce had childcare in her home for 30 years, having taken care of two generations of children. In June of 2001 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and continued her childcare until Dec. 3, 2004. She died Dec. 29, 2004, at Skiff Medical Center's Hospice Unit in Newton at age 55 years, three months and 30 days.

In addition to her grandparents, Joyce is preceded in death by her mother, Alma Bruck. Survivors include her husband, Jim of Newton; three children, Cory Larsen (Jennifer) of Newton; Lisa (Jeff) Martin of Newton; Brook Larsen (Jennifer) of Davenport; seven grandchildren: Ivy Larsen, Oliver, Ruby, and Scarlet Martin and William, Ava, and Soleil Larsen; her father, Nick Bruck of Portsmouth; brothers and sisters: Nick Bruck (Linda) of Bettendorf; Ron Bruck of Lincoln, NE; Bob Bruck (Linda) of Black Earth, WI; Rick Bruck (Laurie) of Gretna, NE; Joan (Steve) Ingram of Gretna, NE; Jolene (Todd) Roecker of Atlantic; Janet (Rick) Guse of Omaha, NE; and Randy Bruck (Julie) of Portsmouth; her mother and father-in-law, Darrel and Agnes Larsen of Harlan; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bill Larsen (Janet) of Minden; Jack Larsen (Pat) of Council Bluffs; Susan (Kenny) Schnack of Harlan; Julie (Randy) Schmitz of Davenport; Mike Larsen (Cathy) of Atlantic; Sharon (Dave) Lush of Omaha, NE; Jane (Jack) Waner of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and special friends, Patty and Mel Allen and Rose and Ray Karbacka of Fairfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 31, 2004, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Donald Bruck celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Nick Bruck, Nick Bruck, Jr., Ron Bruck, Bob Bruck, Bill Larsen, Rick Bruck, Jack Larsen, Randy Bruck, and Mike Larsen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

