

## Shelly Lewis, 42

*Nov. 7, 1962 - Oct. 21, 2005*

**MIDLAND, TX** — Shelly Renee Johannsen Lewis was born Nov. 7, 1962 in Harlan, to Stan and Veretta Johannsen. She was baptized at Peace E&R Church in Walnut. She attended Harlan Community Schools and was active in the band, the pompom squad and was a member of the tennis team. She was a member of Rainbow Girls International and served in many offices prior to her being installed as a Worthy Advisor. She was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, as a teenager. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1981. Shelly attended the University of Nebraska (Omaha)



where she received her degree in elementary education and special education in December 1985. She began her first teaching position in the special education classroom at Fannin Elementary. She was fondly referred to as "Miss J." by her students. She spent her summers as an assistant house parent and lifeguard at High Sky Children's Ranch.

Shelly married Perry Michael Lewis March 2, 1991 in Midland, TX. That year Shelly transferred to the second grade at Fannin Elementary. She was loved by all her Fannin kids and was known as the "tooth fairy" by many students. She devoted 20 years of love and service at Fannin Elementary. The couple were parents of three children, Benjamin Michael (13), Blair Kerstan (10) and Bryce Christian Daniel (5). Shelly became a cotton farmer's wife. She learned how to run a tractor, a module builder and how to strip cotton. She died Oct. 21, 2005, following a brief illness at Medical City Hospital in Dallas, TX at age 42.

Preceding Shelly in death was her sister, Tamara Ann Johannsen; her grandparents, Folmer and Bonnie Jensen and Arnold Johannsen; and her uncle, Darryl Johannsen. She is survived by her husband, Perry; her children, Ben, Blair and Bryce; her parents, Stan and Veretta Johannsen of Harlan; her sister, Val Sparks (Jeff) of Midland, TX; her in-laws, Kermit and Frances Lewis of Midland, TX; sister-in-laws, Kim Foster (Tony) of Midland, TX and Tammy Shelton (Kevin) of Hico, TX. Her nephews and nieces, Jarrod Sparks of Austin, TX; Josh, Justin and Kristina Sparks of Midland, TX; Kelsey, Kade and Courtney Foster of Midland, TX; and Molly Shelton of Hico, TX; her grandmother, Maxine Johannsen of Harlan; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were held Oct. 25, 2005, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, TX. A memorial service was also held Oct. 25, 2005, at First Baptist Church Worship Center. Casket bearers were Kent Hansen, Kevin Hansen, Randy Eilts, Mark Burden, Scott McAninch and Max Reyes. Honorary casket bearers were the Fannin Elementary teachers, staff, students and parents, and the Midland County Farm Community. Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX, in charge of arrangements.