

Sharon A. McIntosh, 60

Dec. 12, 1938 - July 11, 1999

DES MOINES – Sharon A. McIntosh was born at Persia Dec. 12, 1938, the second daughter of Meryl and Mildred (Moss) Kemmish. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia and graduated from Persia High School in 1956. She served as secretary in the Lewis Central Schools in Co. Bluffs, before moving to Des Moines 14 years ago where she was a union steward and was a business manager for P.P.M.E. Local No. 2003, where she worked with roughly 80 bargaining units across Iowa. She served on numerous organized labor panels and worked closely with other unions, including the AFL-CIO and AFSCME. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Des Moines and Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia. She died as the result of a homicide at her home in Des Moines July 11, 1999, at age 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred in 1948 and Meryl in 1987; a brother and her daughter, Lorraine Leaders May 12, 1999. She is survived by her son, Wayne (Sue) McIntosh of Alvin, TX; two sisters, Murlene (Lavern) Wilson and LaVonne (Vernon) Dollen, both of Persia; her son-in-law, Gregg Leaders, and grandson, David Leaders, both of Des Moines and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 15, 1999, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia, with Pastor David Kuhnle officiating. Honorary casket bearers were union members. Casket bearers were Dru Toresdahl and Denny Watson of the Story County Sheriff's Dept.; David Arkovich of the Ames Police; Steve Shivers and Tim Pettit of the Urbandale Police Dept.; Mike DeLong of the Newton Police Dept. and Robert Thode of the Fort Dodge Police Dept. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery near Persia. Hamilton's Funeral Home in Des Moines in charge of arrangements.

