

Debra Owen, 45

Aug. 9, 1955 – Oct. 18, 2000 ✓

SHELBY – Debra Sue Owen was born Aug. 9, 1955, in Omaha, NE, the daughter of Arnold and Viola Boling Tatreau, and was one of eight children in the family. She attended school in Council Bluffs, and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1973. She attended college at Iowa State University in Ames, and graduated in 1977. She worked as a personal nanny for the Lindsey Miller-Lerman family in Omaha, NE.

She married William Owen and they were the parents of five children, Douglas, Tyler, Wade, Kylee and James. She worked for REM Leadway of Iowa in Shelby, as a coordinator and also as a teacher's aide at the AHST Middle School in Shelby. She was a member of the Silver Creek United Methodist Church in Hancock. She died Oct. 18, 2000, at the University of Nebraska Hospital in Omaha, NE, following a four year illness at age 45 years, two months and nine days.

She is survived by her husband, William of Shelby; her children, Douglas of Omaha; Tyler, Wade, Kylee and James, all living at home in Shelby; her father, Arnold Tatreau of Tekamah, NE; and her mother, Viola Foley of Tekamah; seven brothers and sisters, Michael Tatreau (Joan) of Wisner, NE; Carol Hitzfeld of Omaha, NE; Arnold Tatreau (Donna) of Tekamah; Kelley Tatreau-Smith (Brett) of Springfield, NE; Kitty (Richard) Ethen; Randy Tatreau and Dorene (David) Cozad, all living in Omaha; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21, 2000, at the AHST Middle School in Shelby, with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Silver Valley Cemetery in Hancock. Casket bearers were Mike Tatreau, Arnold Tatreau, Richard Feela, David Cozad, Richard Ethen and Brett Smith. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.