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Pamela Pedersen, 52 April 13, 1959 - Oct. 22, 2011

OMAHA, NE — Pamela L. Pedersen was born April 13, 1959 in Pontiac, MI to Dale and Gloria Hockel. She was baptized into the Christian faith Jan. 1, 1962. She grew up in Iowa with her parents and her sister Penny and two brothers, Dale Jr. and Roger.

Pam married Lee Pedersen Sept. 27, 1980 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She worked at HMU and Agriland FS in Harlan before moving to Omaha where she worked for ConAgra and Omaha Machinery. Pam served as a Stephen minister at Divine Shepherd. She loved caring for those in need and will be truly missed by her Ste-



phen Ministry family. As a cancer survivor, she understood the needs of those who were suffering, and was anxious to help. She was a warm, caring person who used her natural gift of compassion to help those around her and to make them comfortable. Pam was an avid gardener who could spend hours on end in her many flower gardens at her home in West Omaha. She loved to experiment with different varieties of plants and flowers. Every year the yard got smaller, and another garden would appear. It seems as if there was always something new to be found in her gardens. She also enjoyed golfing, visiting the Lauritzen Gardens, walks around the lake, and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Pam was a doting grandmother. There was nothing she would not do for her grandchildren, and they always knew that grandma would be there to help them with anything they wanted. She was a devoted wife to Lee and together they raised three children, Jennifer, Benjamin and Daniel. Pam always made sure her children were taken care of. The kids knew that when dad said no, mom was always there with another opinion. Pam succumbed to an adverse reaction to chemotherapy treatment for Mantle Cell Lymphoma Oct. 22, 2011 at age 52. She will be greatly missed. She was a warm, sincere person who leaves behind many heart-broken family members, friends and acquaintances, but we know that she is safe in the arms of Jesus, her Savior and ours.

Pam was preceded in death by her brother, Roger. She is survived by her husband, Lee of Omaha; a daughter, Jennifer Wagman of Omaha; two sons, Benjamin Pedersen of Omaha and Daniel Pedersen of Harlan; grandchildren, Alexi, Cayden and Isabella; her parents, Dale and Gloria Hockel of Norwalk, sister, Penny Blair of Norwalk; and brother, Dale and Laura Hockel, Jr. of Indiana; her father and mother-in-law. Marvin and Irma Pedersen of Harlan;

sisters-in-law, Shelly and Terry Saunders of Harlan and Kimberly Measner of Greeley, CO; aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25, 2011 at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Omaha. Inurnment will be held at a later date.