

## **Sandra Popp, 52**

*May 22, 1947 - Dec. 25, 1999*

**WALNUT** - Sandra Kay Popp was born in Co. Bluffs May 22, 1947, daughter of Nels and Evelyn Holtz Nelsen. She was one of five children in the family. She attended school in Avoca and graduated with the class of 1965.

She married Eldon Popp July 11, 1965, at Walnut. They were the parents of three daughters. Sandy started working at the Avoca Nursing Home while still in high school and continued working at the same home, which is now called Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center, for 36 years. She received her degree as a LPN in 1976. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca and the Walnut Optimist Club. She died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 25, 1999, at age 52 years, seven months and three days.

She was preceded in death by her father and her daughter, Julie, who died in 1969. She is survived by her husband, Eldon Popp of Walnut; her mother, Evelyn Nelsen of Avoca; her two daughters, Lesley (Gary) Wilwerding of Co. Bluffs and Michelle Petersen of Walnut; her five grandchildren, Dustin Popp, Jared and Dena Wilwerding, Treyvon and Sierra Dowsing; her three sisters, Karen (Steve) Guyer of Hancock; Beverly (Lynn) Wirth of Avoca and Cheryl (Larry) Billings of Hancock; her brother, Lowell Nelsen of Vancouver, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Popp, Lance Guyer, John Bentz, Michael Popp, Travis Carrier and Jim Billings. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.