

Mary Ann Tiedje, 71

Jan. 5, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2003

OMAHA – Mary Ann Henrietta (Holling) Tiedje was born Jan. 5, 1932, to Henry and Clara (Dreessen) Holling, on a farm outside of Omaha, at the current site of Standing Bear Lake. She grew up in rural Douglas County where she attended grade school at District 40. She graduated from Benson High School in 1948. She taught Sunday School for several years.

Mary Ann married Melvin Tiedje May 22, 1954, at Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE, and to this union two daughters were born, Melanie and Melissa. The family built their home on the same farm that Mary Ann grew up near, and remained there throughout her life. Mary Ann worked at the Union Pacific Railroad for 13 years, and was a full-time wife and mother for the remainder of her life. Mary Ann was a member of the Flower Hill Cemetery Board and she also mowed and cared for the cemetery for over 30 years. Along with being a Sunday school teacher, she was also a Vacation Bible School superintendent. Mary Ann died Dec. 30, 2003, at age 71.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Melvin, and daughters, Melanie (Neil) Ohms of Harlan and Melissa (Mike) Burk of Omaha; four grandchildren, Daniel and Nathan Ohms and Matthew and Mackenzie Burk; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gus and Bunny Holling of Arlington, NE; Gerald Holling of Brady, NE; Reverend Ronald and Judy Holling of Omaha, NE; Lois Petersen of Bennington, NE; Jean Tiedje of Elkhorn, NE; and Evelyn Novotny of Omaha.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 2004, at Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. Burial was in the Flower Hill Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Reichmuth Funeral Homes, Elkhorn, NE, in charge of arrangements.