



Mary A. Schmitt

August 1, 1953 - December 21, 2011

Mary A. Schmitt, age 58, of Early, Iowa died Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa. Mary Ann Demers was born August 1, 1953, in Corona, California, the daughter of Robert and Marilyn (Berry) Demers. Growing up, she attended St. Mary's Catholic school where she graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1971. Following high school graduation, she attended Iowa Lakes Community College for two years. On February 2, 1974, Mary was united in marriage to Lenard Schmitt at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. This union was blessed with four children: Lori, Stacey, Renae and Shawn. Mary was baptized in Santa Ana, California and confirmed into the Catholic faith at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. She was a current member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, where she served on the Sacred Heart Guild. Over the years, Mary was actively involved in various groups, including: Women's Club, Early Card Club and the Bosom Buddies. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, shopping and decorating, especially at Christmas time. Her most special moments were shared in spending time with her grandchildren. Mary will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 38 years, Lenard Schmitt of Early; her children: Lori (Jason) Donelson of Early; Stacey (Michael) DeBoer of Jefferson, South Dakota; Renae (Barry) Binder of Alta, Iowa; Shawn Schmitt of Early; nine grandchildren: Tonia Anway, Caleb Anway, Seth Donelson,

Ethan DeBoer, Levi DeBoer, Chase DeBoer, Joslyn DeBoer, Kolton DeBoer and Olivia DeBoer; her mother, Marilyn Demers of Storm Lake; brothers, Steve Demers of Lincoln, Nebraska; Ron (Katie) Demers of Sioux City, Iowa; sisters: Sue (Marion) Gibbins of Storm Lake, Iowa; Carol Demers of Storm Lake, Iowa; Joanne (Robert) Sippel of Lombard, Illinois; brothers- and sisters-in-law: David Leonard; Helen (Don) Henrich; Ed (Sandy) Schmitt; Catherine Schmitt-Christman; Shirley Schmitt; Sue Schmitt; Frances (Butch) Blum; George (Sandy) Schmitt; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends. Mary was preceded in death by her father, Robert "Bob" Demers; sister, Dianne Leonard; parents-in-law, John & Bertha Schmitt; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Schmitt and Bill Christman.