

Obituary

Sheryl Joan Maher, the daughter of John and Essie McIntosh Blane, was born at Missouri Valley, Iowa, on July 18, 1943, and passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 17, 2003, at Shenandoah, Iowa. She was 59 years of age. Sheryl grew up and lived all her life in Shenandoah, and attended Shenandoah High School graduating with the class of 1961. On June 20 1961, she was united in marriage to Stephen F. Maher in Waterloo, Iowa. After their marriage they made their home in Shenandoah. Sheryl had worked part time in her father's cafe, later working at the Tallcorn Motel and most recently at Shenandoah Walmart. Sheryl was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening, collecting angels, bird watching, creating ceramics and collecting jewelry. She was a great dancer and loved music and animals especially her cats and grandcats. In earlier years she enjoyed fishing, bowling and playing bridge. Sheryl could sometimes be heard above the crowd at sporting events that her children participated in. She enjoyed holidays with her friends and family, but most of all she loved her husband, her children and grandchildren. The bright colors that she wore and loved were an extension of her bright outlook on life .

Sheryl was preceded in death by her parents and older brother John Blane, Jr. Survivors include her husband Steve, son Chris Maher and his wife Vicki of Omaha, Nebraska, daughter Kerri Younggren and husband Craig of Lenexa, Kansas, son Matt Maher of Omaha; a brother Jim Blane and wife Susan of Shenandoah, Iowa; three grandchildren, Katelyn, Daniel, and Thomas Younggren; nephews, Nathan and Bennett Blane; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with celebrant Rev. Donald Bruck. Lector was Evelyn Pontious and altar server was Harry Pontious. Organist was Carol Eno and Sue Hanna was soloist. Attending the memory register were Deanna Ballain and Pam Shepherd. Casket bearers were Nathan Blane, Bennett Blane, Scott Black, Brett Black, Terry Comstock and Zeke Robinson. Ushers were Douglas McGinnis and Mike Lonowski. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.