

Obituary

Joanne Mae Cowen, daughter of Donald William and Lucille Fae (Gilbertson) Huebner, was born on November 2, 1946, in Pierre, South Dakota. She passed away on April 27, 2003, at her home in Shenandoah, Iowa, at the age of 56.

Her early life was spent in Pierre, South Dakota. She attended the Pierre Public Schools and graduated from Pierre High School with the Class of 1964. Following high school, she attended Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, receiving her teaching degree in 1968. Joanne later took some graduate classes at Northwest Missouri State University.

On September 18, 1971, Joanne was united in marriage to Donald Cowen at Tarkio, Missouri. To this union two children, William and Monica were born. Following their marriage, they lived in the Northboro and Shenandoah areas. Joanne taught school in the Villisca, Iowa, schools for a couple of years after receiving her degree. In 1972, she went to work for Vet-A-Mix (Lloyd, Inc.), having completed more than 30 years with the company last fall. She had taught part-time at Southwest Iowa Community College.

Joanne was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She had been involved with the Amvets and Eagles Auxiliaries. Joanne loved to be involved with her children's activities. In her spare time she was "never without a book," and enjoyed quilting, bowling and listening to music.

Preceding Joanne in death were her parents and sister, Judy Swanson. She is survived by her son, William Cowen and daughter, Monica Bartlett and her husband Joe, all of Shenandoah, Iowa; brother, Donald Huebner and his family of Pierre, one uncle; three aunts; many cousins; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be directed to The Shenandoah Public Library.

Following the committal service at the cemetery everyone is cordially invited back to the Church for a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family.

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