

MARY JANE ATKINS* December 2, 2011

Mary Jane Atkins, 65, of Lanyon, passed away on Dec. 2, 2011, in Rochester, Minnesota at St. Mary's Hospital under the care of Hospice. A funeral service was held with Rev. Bill Kearns, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Mary Jane is survived by her children, Heather Akins; Jason (Kerry) Akins, all of Harcourt, and grandsons Lincoln and August Akins; and a sister, Mary Jo Olson of Fort Dodge. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rosemary Anglin, and her husband, Steven.

Mary Jane Barnett was born Sept. 3, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pa. As a young child, she and her family moved to Clare where she began her education at St. Matthews. She then attended St. Edmond High School and graduated in 1964. On Jan. 25, 1969, Mary Jane was united in marriage to Steven L. Akins and the couple established their home in Davenport. In 1980 the family moved to Lanyon. She was a homemaker most of her adult life, but mostly a loving mother. Mary Jane enjoyed pets, the outdoors, landscaping, arts and crafts. Above all, her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family, especially her grandsons

^{*} Mary was in our class and while in our class picture she did not appear in the yearbook and graduated in 1964.