Sandra Heinen, 55, Pella

Sandra J. Heinen, 55, of Pella passed away March 17, 2006. Funeral services were held March 21, at the Faith Christian Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Pella Christian High School Building Fund.

Sandra Joan Ravenhorst was born on Jan. 14, 1951, in Lynden, Washington. She was the first of three children that were born to Richard and Jeanne Louws Ravenhorst. Sandi, as she was known, spent her early childhood years there but did quite a bit of moving because of her father’s education position as a school principal. Sandi graduated from Oostburg High School in Oostburg, Wisconsin. She met David John Heinen when she was 16 years of age. They both attended the same high school and Young Peoples Society in Oostburg and later enrolled at Dordt College in Sioux Center.

Sandi and Dave were united in marriage on Aug. 19, 1971, at the Oostburg Christian Reformed Church. Following Dave’s graduation from college with his degree in teaching they moved to Savannah, Georgia. It was here that their daughter, Jodi Michelle. In 1976, Sandi and Dave moved to Pella, as Dave took a teaching position at the Pella Christian High School. Then their son, Jonathan David, was born.

Sandi was very proud of her family and loved them very much. They are her faithful husband, Dave; their two children: Jodi and her husband, Jeremy Vande Noord of Prairie City, Iowa; Jon Heinen and his wife, Tricia (Vander Molen) of Pella; four grandchildren: Jaydon Vande Noord, and Janae Vande Noord; Maclane Heinen, and Morgan Heinen; her parents: Richard and Jeanne Ravenhorst of Zeeland, Michigan; her brother, Scott Ravenhorst and his wife, Louise of Chino Hills, California; her sister, Judi and her husband, Barry Meerman of Grand Rapids, Michigan; her mother-in-law, Doris (Leys) Heinen of Oostburg, Wisconsin; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Mariann Heinen of Grand Rapids.

Sandi was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Alfred Heinen. Sandi was baptized in Lynden, Washington, made profession of her faith in Oostburg, Wisconsin and was a faithful member of the Faith Christian Reformed Church in Pella.