Lisa Ann Johnson, 56

isa Ann Johnson, age 56, of Sioux Falls, S.D., formerly of Brooklyn, died April 27, 2010, following a threeyear battle with cancer. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 3, 2010, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.



Lisa is survived by her husband, Lyle, two daughters, Tina Claus and husband, Brian, of Omaha, Neb., and Julie Raddatz and husband, Roger, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and three grandchildren, Jacob and Jessica Claus and Jordan Raddatz.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lisa Ann Connell was born May 1, 1953, in Des Moines, the daughter of Orville and Viola Weaver Connell. She was raised on the family farm east of Brooklyn. She graduated from BGM High School in 1971. Lisa married her soul mate, Lyle Johnson, on June 12, 1971, at the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn. The couple lived for five years in Iowa City, then five years in Ames, and spent a year in Salt Lake City, Utah. The couple moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., when Lyle secured a position with the City of Sioux Falls in 1982, and the couple remained there.

Once in Sioux Falls, Lisa stayed at home to raise her daughters. She used her creativity to sew costumes and Barbie doll clothes, decorate birthday cakes, and create wedding decorations. Lisa loved flowers and planted some every spring. Lisa had a natural talent for piano playing, which she began playing at a very young age. She was an active participant in chorus and music all through school. She taught piano lessons and played piano for her church. Lisa was a member of the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society and loved researching family histories. She also enjoyed spending time with her three grandkids.

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