

Janice Hansmeier, 74, longtime Ogallala resident, died Thursday, November 29, 2012, in the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Janice was born October 21, 1938 in Kimball, Nebr., the daughter of Roland and Violet (Nelson) Smith. She was raised near Roscoe and attended elementary school at District 15, Roscoe.

Following graduation in 1956 from Ogallala High School, Janice worked for the County Superintendent's office.

On April 13, 1958 Janice married Gerald E. Hansmeier in Ogallala.

The couple resided in Ogallala until 1961 when they moved to the family farm southeast of Ogallala.

Janice was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church and the Dorcas Ladies Aid. She enjoyed belonging to the M and M Club, MS Support Group, Card Clubs, and the Women's Birthday Group. Her hobbies included flower and vegetable gardening, bird watching, and collecting bird figurines.

Preceding her in death were her parents, an infant sister Barbara Lee Smith, and infant grandson Bryan Gifford.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Hansmeier of Ogallala and her son Russell (Danette) Hansmeier, all of Ogallala; two daughters: Brenda Hansmeier (special friend Randy Eckhoff) of Sutherland and Diane Hansmeier of Lewellen. One sister Kathleen (Ronald) Most of Ogallala. And six grandchildren: Amanda Gifford, Jeremy Gifford, Haley Hansmeier, Luke Hansmeier, Dexter Robertson, and Brooke Robertson.

The Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The family will greet friends from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Funeral Service will be Monday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. in St. Johns Lutheran Church, southeast of Ogallala. Rev. Robert Pierce will officiate.

Interment is in St. Johns Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and St. Johns Lutheran Church Missions.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.

