

Karen Louise Swedberg Cox  
November 15, 1944—October 25, 2010

Karen Louise Swedberg Cox was born November 15, 1944, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, the daughter of Gordon Merriam and Sylvia Louise "Betty" (Brooks) Swedberg. She died Monday, October 25, 2010, at the Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She was reared and educated in the Wisconsin communities of Hillsdale, Phelps, and Clinton where she graduated from high school.

She attended Moody Bible Institute for two years and then Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska where she was a member of a European College Choir Tour. On February 16, 1974, she married Alvin Leonard Cox in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Karen received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa in 1983. While living in Twenty-nine Palms, California, she enrolled in computer classes at Copper Mountain College and later put those skills to use at Hewlett-Packard in Loveland, Colorado and Lock Trucking in Wheatland.

Her love of music began at a very early age with the encouragement of her Grandmother Brooks and a piano teacher in Clinton, Mrs. <sup>Kiekhafer</sup> Kiekhafer. Karen learned to play the organ on a Mueller Pipe Organ. Her gift of music was well-known by her style of playing by "ear", improvising, transposing, and composition. Karen enjoyed classical as well as contemporary music. She worked as a music accompanist in Clarkson, Nebraska; was the music director at the Marine Corps base at Twenty-nine Palms; a music accompanist at Wheatland High School; and is presently playing for the "Angels in Heaven".

Survivors include her husband, Alvin of Wheatland; a son, Alan Cox of Twenty-nine Palms; a sister, Paulette Marie Weber of Berlin, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Leonard and <sup>Evie</sup> Evie Cox of Twenty-nine Palms; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gale Gordon Swedberg and David Arthur Swedberg.