

Maejill iJilli Smeins, 64

Maejill "Jill" Smeins, 64, Andover and also of Natalia, Texas, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 at her home near Andover.

Her memorial service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, with Jay Haaland officiating. Burial will take place in the spring in Homer Cemetery, Pierpont.

Maejill Jean was born on August 4, 1951 in Webster to Marvin and Jean (Johnson) Smeins. She attended school in Pierpont and later South Dakota State University. She graduated with a degree in drafting from Glasco, Mont. She worked for the State of South Dakota and North Dakota in their drafting departments for several years. Jill later began her own trucking operation and was the 12th woman owner/operator in the United States. She worked with Coleman American, as well as Admiral Merchant for the past 30 years.

Jill was a life-long horse enthusiast and enjoyed showing them in earlier years. She also liked to garden, fish and pheasant hunt. Jill traveled each winter to Natalia, Texas and enjoyed the many friendships made over the years. She loved to share stories and have coffee with friends and neighbors.

Celebrating her life are one daughter, Darlene Peterson, Natalia, Texas; one son, Arlin Peterson, Andover; two brothers, Doug (Mary) Smeins, Pierpont, and Lee (Juli) Schlosser, Herried; two sisters, Kathie Smeins, Natalia, Texas, and Michelle Tavish, Natalia, Texas, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

