Sybil S. Puls, 76

Sybil S. Puls, age 76, of Grinnell, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at Windsor Manor in Grinnell.

A celebration of life service was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 31, at Trinity Lutheran Church, north of Malcom, with the Rev. Kathryn Roys officiating. Interment was at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithbh.com.

Sybil Shirley Puls was born the daughter of Price Shaw and Sylvia Dykes on Oct. 8, 1934, in Malcom. She was raised in Malcom and she graduated Valedictorian of the 1952 Malcom High School graduating class.

Sybil was united in marriage to James Puls, Sr. on Aug. 13, 1952, at the Trinity Lutheran Church north of Malcom. The couple lived on the family farm north of Malcom until 1989 when they moved to the Porter Addition south of Grinnell. Following the death of her husband in 1994, she moved to Grinnell.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, the Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary, Malcom Legion Auxiliary, and a 43-year member of the Grinnell Women’s Bowling League. She was an excellent cook and an immaculate housekeeper. She dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Her enjoyments included golfing, bowling, watching Iowa Hawkeyes basketball games on TV, canning vegetables from her garden, and listening to country western music.

Sybil is survived by three sons, James (Marcia) Puls, Jr., Dale (Cathy) Puls and Gary Puls, all of Grinnell; two daughters, Shirley (Reed) Hoepner of Marengo, and Linda (Dan) Baumgartner of Readlyn; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Mertie Kinnaid of East Dubuque, Ill.; and a brother, Preston Shaw of Malcom.

Sybil was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Puls, Sr. on Nov. 27, 1994; her brother, Bill Shaw; and her special friend, Ray Clifton.

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Visitation will be held Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with family members present to greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials may be designated to the Alzheimer’s Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

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