Ramona D. Carpenter, 78, of Marshalltown, formerly of Grinnell, died unexpectedly after a short illness Monday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials in her name may be directed to her daughter, Carolyn Brewer, PO Box 11, Montour IA 50173. Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown is in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Grinnell Jan. 25, 1933, the daughter of Claude and Lois Hofer Schaffer. She was raised in Brooklyn. She was united in marriage with Max Keller in 1951. She later moved to Tama where she was united in marriage with Richard Carpenter in 1956.

She is survived by her daughters and son Carolyn Keller-Brewer of Montour, Susan Carpenter Helleso of Malcom and Chuck Carpenter of Marshalltown; four grandchildren and many great grandchildren; and her sister Bonnie Creps of Malcom. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.
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Left to cherish her memory are her three children: Carolyn Keller-Brewer of Montour, Susan Carpenter (Jerry) Helleso of Malcom, and Chuck Carpenter of Marshalltown; four grandchildren: Holly Brewer of Marshalltown, Joey Brewer of South Dakota, April (Jeff) McKibbin of Rhodes, Mandy Carpenter, of Cedar Falls; great-grandchildren: Kyuss, Kailyn, and Kyler Brewer, Iyawa, Seenanae, and Joseph III Brewer, Kristina and Bryan Helleso, Trinity, Justice, Kondall, and Kaynen Bee, Ronan and Callon Ham; one sister, Bonnie Creps, of Malcom; and many nieces and nephews.

Ramona is proceeded in death by her parents, Claude and Lois; and her husband, Richard.