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## Patricia R. Ferguson



Patricia R. Ferguson, 74, of Ft. Dodge, died on Monday, March 28, 2011, at the Paula J. Barber Hospice House after a long battle with cancer.

The funeral was held Thursday March 31 in the chapel of Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Niles, Faith Lutheran Church, Palmer, officiating. There was no visitation. Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Patricia was born April 7, 1936, in Storm Lake to Walter and Alice Wiebe Golnitz. She attended most of her school years in Storm Lake but graduated from high school in Ft. Morgan, Colo., in 1954. She attended Buena Vista College and met her husband, William R. Ferguson, in 1955. The couple lived in Forest City, later in Onawa, and Grinnell. They divorced after 19 years.

While living in Grinnell, she served as a PTA officer, member of the city council, and city chairman for the March of Dimes for three years. Pat earned an AA in business from Marshalltown Community College in 1972, and then a BA in business and economics in 1974 at William Penn College. She worked at Grinnell General Hospital as a personnel director for eight years. She later moved to Des Moines where she worked for nine years as a personnel manager, administrative assistant for a CPA firm, then to Ft. Dodge where she worked in the corporate accounting office for Ogden Newspaper Inc. for eight years. She also served as a tax preparer for H&R Block for 20 years until her retirement in 2009.

Survivors include her sons Rev. Jeff Ferguson of Decatur, Ill. and Mike Ferguson of Manson; and four grandchildren of Manson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Carol Hinrichs and Delores Golnitz; and her brothers Charles Golnitz and twins Donald and Daniel Golnitz.