Arlene Schaeffer

Arlene Schaeffer, 77, of Colo, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Iowa River Hospice House in Marshalltown.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Joan Swander officiating. Burial will be in the Colo Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday. (Please note: First Ave. is closed; access to the church is available from Second Ave.)

The Mitchell Family Funeral home West Marshall Chapel in State Center is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the church in her memory. Condolences may be left at www.mitchellfh.com.

Arlene Hayes was born May 6, 1934, near State Center, the daughter of Walter and Lela Alexander Hayes. She received her education in the State Center #8 rural school and graduated from the Rhodes High School’s Class of 1952.

On Oct. 27, 1957, she was united in marriage with Paul Schaeffer at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center by Pastor R. J. Braun. The couple lived in the State Center and Colo areas, moving to Colo in 1966. Arleen did child care for 30 years and enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading and winters in Mesa, Ariz. She was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Colo Library Board.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years Paul; her sons Brian of Nevada and Michael of Grinnell; and three grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and one brother.