Barbara Whisenand, 71

Barbara S. Whisenand, age 71 of Brooklyn, died Friday, April 1, 2011 at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn with a memorial service held at 7 p.m. Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiated. Inurnment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established with the Victor State Bank.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 36 years, Jim Smith of Brooklyn, a son Allen Whisenand (Kate) of Ankeny; a daughter Jenice Whisenand of Polk City; two brothers, Robert (Anita) Sutfin of Montezuma and Paul Sutfin of Eldridge; four sisters, Marie Haggerty of Lyons, Ill., Helen White of Huntley, Ill., Kathleen Florito (John) of Florida, and Teresa Chartrand of Trevor, Wis. She was a loving grandmother to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a fond aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert Whisenand, a daughter Dawn Kriegel and a sister Carol Kerley.

Barbara Susanna Sutfin was born July 24, 1939 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Lois Bauman Sutfin. She received her high school diploma from a Chicago area school. Barbara was the owner of Whisenand Bookkeeping and Tax Service in Brooklyn for many years. She continued her education with many self education courses in the tax and bookkeeping field, along with attending tax preparation seminars throughout her career. She was listed in the Who’s Who of American Business Women as a most notable woman. Barbara was a member of the Brooklyn Ladies Auxiliary and also served on the local ambulance service. In her free time Barbara enjoyed reading and traveling.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.