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Doris always made life fun for her family, and family gatherings, holidays and ‘game days’ at her house will be cherished memories forever. She treasured many friendships, and welcomed adventure, near or far, enjoying many wonderful trips.

Survivors include two sons, John Manatt of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., and Tim Manatt of Gilbertville; four daughters, Debi Olson of Grinnell, and Melia Rhoads, Mary Jo Thompson and Mindy Holder, all of Des Moines. Two brothers, Dale Hawkins and Gene Willett, both of Brooklyn; one sister, Mary Cochran of Williamsburg; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother Donald, and brother Dean Hawkins.

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Doris Ann Hawkins Manatt, 81

Doris Ann Hawkins Manatt, age 81, of Brooklyn, died of cancer Aug. 28, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at the M. J. Manatt Community Center in Brooklyn with Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiating. Visitation was at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn. Memorials may be given to BGM Citizens Scholarship Foundation (CSF) designated for the Doris Manatt Scholarship. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is in charge of arrangements.

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Doris gave her whole family tremendous love and always made life fun for them. Family gatherings, holidays and ‘game days’ at her house will be cherished memories forever. She treasured many wonderful friendships, and welcomed adventure, near or far, enjoying many wonderful trips. Her smile was loved by everyone.

Survivors include: two sons, John (Marlene) Manatt of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., and Tim (Genny) Manatt of Gilbertville; four daughters, Debi (Bill) Olson of Grinnell, Melfa (Steve) Rhoads, Mary Jo (Jeff) Thompson and Mindy (Raymond) Holder all of Brooklyn; two brothers, Dale (Yvonne) Hawkins, and Gene (Lorraine) Willott both of Brooklyn; one sister, Mary Cochran of Williamsburg; 20 grandchildren, Jennifer Cline, Chris, Joy and Jonathan Manatt; Gretchen Olson and Uli Loichle; Tim and Sarah Manatt; Callie, Clint, Carly and Cliff Rhoads; Jordan, Jamie, Justus, Jana and Janny Thompson; Hobey, Hallie and Hueston Holder; 17 great-grandchildren, McKenna, Madison and Maycee Cline; Kinzie and Kylee Manatt; Karissa and Ty Heishman; Sadie and Jasper Manatt; Reagan and Berit Loichle; Lelene Jocom; Beckett and Caleb Rhoads; Maddox Rhoads; Sully Thompson; and Aubrie Holder.

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