Barbara Spencer, 66, of Gilman passed away Thursday, October 20, 2011.

A Memorial Service was held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. before the service. A private family burial will take place at a later date. A memorial fund in her name has been established at the Citizens Savings Bank (110 West Southerland Road, Marshalltown, IA 50158). For condolences or questions, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call (641) 844-1234. Mitchell Family Funeral Home of Marshalltown is caring for Barbara and her family.

Barbara Jean Margot was born September 5, 1945, in Santa Monica, Calif.; she was the daughter of Frank and Beatrice (Pennock) Margot. She attended high school in the Santa Monica area. She then later made her home in Gilman, Iowa, but her love for the California ocean and the beach still remained. She loved talking on the phone with family and spending time with her family as well. She enjoyed her oldies music, but she had the most recent interest with the singer "Usher." She will be remembered by always helping everyone first and putting herself last.

She is survived by her five children: Jimmy (Erin) Spencer of Gilman, IA, Jeff Spencer of Phoenix, AZ, Ricky Spencer of Carson City, NV, Veronica (Justin) Brown of Kellogg, IA, and John (Sarah Lewis) Jofrez of Gilman, IA; her grandchildren: lil Justin, Jaelin, Jeremy, Jackie, Nadya, Desiree, Kasadi Lewis, and Parker Lewis; Her sister, Debbie Mendoza of Riverside, CA.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Lola, and Steven Spencer.