Nena Schmadeke, 77, of Montezuma died Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 13, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. Interment was at the Highland Cemetery at New Sharon. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Memorial contributions may be made to: Highland Ridge Care Center, 100 Village View Circle, Williamsburg, Iowa 52361.

Nena Faye Schmadeke, daughter of Earl Hicks and Cora Walters Hicks, was born on Aug. 31, 1934, in Brooklyn. She was a 1952 graduate of the Tama High School. Nena married Don Moore on March 18, 1954. Nena spent her life caring for her children and enjoyed camping, pets, hiking, fishing, Pepsi, and gardening. She taught them many life lessons and the importance of prayer. She attended the Congregational Church in Grinnell where she was a Sunday School teacher for several years. A special joy to Nena were her grandchildren. She looked forward to camping with them in her backyard.

She was united in marriage to Richard Schmadeke on July 11, 1986 at The Little Brown Church. She enjoyed the Iowa State Fair and Nena was a passionate Avon representative. She was a member of the Community Hope Church of Montezuma.

She is survived by her children; Tim (Mary) Moore of Fairfax, David (Deanna) Moore of Montezuma, Daniel (Deanna) Moore of Montezuma, Jacqueline Strange of Grimes, Christy (John) Bushong of Montezuma, and Caralee (Randy) Schmadeke of Moore, Okla. She also leaves behind 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Nena was preceded in death by her parents; a husband, Richard Schmadeke; her daughter, Donena Bru; a brother, Nolen Hicks; and a nephew, Terry Hicks.