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Marilyn Maxine Read Montgomery, age 85, of Brooklyn, passed away May 19, 2012, after a courageous nine-year battle with cancer. Funeral Services: 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 22, 2012, First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, with Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Visitation: 5 to 8 P.M. Monday, May 21, 2012 at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Memorials may be made to the Christian Appalachian Project (christianapp.org) or Guiding Eyes for the Blind (guidingeyes.org), two of Marilyn’s favorite charities.

Marilyn was born September 22, 1926, to Glen and Margaret (Hall) Read at their family farm home north of Brooklyn. She received her early education at the country school in Bear Creek Township and graduated with the class of 1944 from Brooklyn High School. She attended Drake University in Des Moines.

Marilyn worked at the Poweshiek County Bank in Brooklyn. On September 22, 1951, she married Dean Montgomery at her family’s home. The couple made their home in Brooklyn with Marilyn working as a bookkeeper for their Surge Dairy Equipment business.

Marilyn belonged to Eastern Star, AK P.E.O., and was an active member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church. She and Dean enjoyed playing cards, fishing, and traveling. She volunteered in her community and gave generously of herself to her family, her friends and her church. She was a member of the Brookhaven Nursing Home Board of Directors, serving as president for many years. She will be remembered for her kindness to her friends and her love for her pets. She raised a large flower garden and loved to share her flowers with others. She took pleasure in baking bread and rolls as gifts for friends. She also enjoyed singing, both in the church choir and as part of a trio with Agnes Montgomery and Evalena Dale, with Nina Bartachek as their accompanist.

Marilyn was preceded in death by an infant daughter, DeAnn, in 1955; her parents; brother Gerald in 1999; and sister Gladys in 2009. Left to celebrate her memory are her husband of 60 years, Dean, daughter Mary (Craig) Lang of Brooklyn and son Mike (Mary) Montgomery of Knoxville; six grandchildren: Jessica Lang (Justin) of West Des Moines, Chase (Sylvana) Lang of Cedar Rapids, Dane Lang of Brooklyn, Sarah Montgomery (fiance Tom Hosak) of Omaha, NE, Cade Lang of Brooklyn, and James Montgomery of Grimes. She delighted in great-grandchildren Carsynn and Cael Lang of Cedar Rapids, and was looking forward to the birth of the baby she called “Blossom” Bloomberg in July. She is also survived by her brother Ronald Read (Jan) of Malcom, a sister-in-law, Darlene Read of Brooklyn, brother-in-law Robert Wulf of Ankeny and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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