Barbara J. Parker, 77

Barbara J. Parker, 77, of Grinnell, died Oct. 27, 2012, at Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A private family graveside service and burial will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Barbara Parker Memorial Fund.

Barbara was born Jan. 25, 1935, in Grinnell, the daughter of Raymond Harrison and Janaveve Fern Reisinger Innis. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1953 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On April 23, 1955, she was united in marriage to Warren McDowell, in Lancaster, Mo., and the couple made their home in Grinnell. Warren passed away in 1966 and she was later married to Lonnie Parker, Jr., on Feb. 16, 1968, in Omaha, Neb. The couple continued living in Grinnell where she was busy raising her children and taking care of their home. She moved to Springfield, Mo. in 1985 and then returned to Grinnell in 1991.

She was a member of the Northside Friends Church in Grinnell.

Barbara enjoyed crocheting, baking, playing bingo and fishing, and was a collector of multiple of things. She loved watching horror movies and reading mystery and western novels. She also enjoyed celebrating holidays with her family, especially the Christmas season.

Survivors include three children, Laura Anderson of Monroe, Kim Hawkins of Grinnell and Mike Parker of Reno, Nev.; five grandchildren, Amanda Parker and Elizabeth Van Sant of Grinnell, Kendra Probasco and Nathan Parker of Newton, and Samuel Parker of Reno; five great-grandchildren, Shelby and Jacob Beams of Grinnell, Kiera Orndorff of Grinnell, and Avery and Kylie Potter of Newton; two brothers, Larry and Roger Innis of Grinnell; and two sisters, Betty Miller of Dallas, Texas and Judith Schlesselman of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first and second husbands; one son, Jason Parker; one daughter, Shawna Parker; three brothers, Donald, Richard and David Innis; and one sister, Sharon Anderson.