Mary J. Hols, 85 of Oskaloosa, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab in Oskaloosa. She was born Friday, Feb. 18, 1927 in Searcy, the daughter of Alfred and Georgia Rinehart Vander Linden. She graduated from the Oskaloosa Senior High with the class of 1945. Mary then attended Iowa Lutheran Hospital Nursing School and graduated from there in 1948 with her R.N. degree. On Oct. 18, 1953, she was united in marriage to Lester Wayne Hols at Nashua, and they later divorced. She worked as the public health nurse in Oskaloosa for several years until moving to Colorado Springs. Mary then worked at hospitals in the Colorado Springs, Washington state, and at Mahaska County Hospital. Lastly, Mary worked as the school nurse in Montezuma for nine years until her retirement in 1992. In 2001, she moved back to Oskaloosa. Mary enjoyed sewing, quilting, drawing, fishing, and attending family gatherings.

Mary is survived by two sons, Carl Hols (and friend, Stacey Jones) of Salem and Terry D. Hols of League City, Texas; three daughters, Christine K. (and Mike) Pluck of Hendersonville, Tenn., Marcia J. (and Steve) Roozbom of Oskaloosa, and Joanna L. (and Brad) Van Bael of Monroe; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three brothers, Donald (and Joyce) Vander Linden of Prescott, Ariz.; Kenneth (and Marsha) Vander Linden of Bloomington, Ind., and "Bill" William (and Ann) Vander Linden of Fairview, Tenn.; four sisters, Ethel Mattox of El Cajon, Calif., Dorothy (and Roy) Moore of Fremont, Martha Durham of Littleton, Colo., and Alice Howard of Lakewood, N.J.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Garrett, Charles, and Eugene Vander Linden; three brothers-in-law, Melvin Durham, Keith Mattox, and Bruce Howard; and a sister-in-law, Virginia Vander Linden.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. at Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Minister Mark Doland officiating. Burial was in West Liberty Cemetery near Montezuma. Memorials may be made to Midwest Bible Camp, Imagine the Possibilities, or Iowa Public Television.