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Karen Louise Kline, age 89, of Brooklyn, died Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 8, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, with Fr. Brian Shepley officiating. Inurnment was in the Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn. Memorials may be contributed to the Brooklyn Food Bank. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, handled the arrangements.

Karen is survived by a brother, Eldon Kline (Brenda) of Cherry Valley, Ill.; a sister, Gail Schiltz of Sterling, Ill.; two sisters-in-law, Marcena Kline of Brooklyn and Trudy Kline of Doud; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers Alford Dean, William and Giles Kline.

Karen was born Oct. 16, 1923 in rural Brooklyn, the daughter of Nicholas and Goldie Fern Smith Kline. She received her education in the Poweshiek County schools and graduated in 1941. She entered the convent of the Third Order of St. Francis, taking her final vows in 1955. Karen went on to become a registered nurse, working at several hospitals, including St. Francis in Waterloo, and St. Isabel in Newton. She took a leave of absence to care for her aging father in 1974. She returned to nursing and worked at many area care facilities including Brooklyn, Grinnell and Amana. Karen enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening. She was a quiet person and enjoyed the birds and animals of this world. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

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