

Obituaries

BEVERLY MAXINE SMICH & WESLEY GARRETT SMICH

Beverly Maxine Johannes Smich, 68, passed away September 6, 2013, and her loving husband Wesley Garrett Smich, 70, passed away September 8, 2013, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames.

Beverly Maxine Johannes Smich, the daughter of Harland and Maxine Hicks Johannes was born on February 13, 1945 in Tyler, Texas. She graduated from Montezuma High School. Beverly and Wesley were married on June 2, 1967 in Sigourney.

She worked at DeLong Sportswear in Grinnell for several years. Beverly loved to cook and was known for her wonderful cinnamon rolls. Spending time with family and friends was important to her.

She is survived by sisters Bonnie (Dave) Baltimore of Montezuma and Tammi (Scott) Wagenknecht of Grinnell; and a brother Jayme (Stacie) Johannes of Malcom and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Barb Pagel and a brother Dan Johannes.

Wesley Garrett Smich, the son of Doney and Lola Ritter Smich was born on December 19, 1942, in Iowa City. He lived a short time in rural Muscatine. The family then moved to Sigourney, where he attended Sigourney High School.

He retired from Donaldson Company in Grinnell after 35 years. He loved fishing, woodworking and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

He is survived by sisters Kathryn (Dale) Long and Ida Mae Lance of Hayesville and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife; brothers Kenneth McKinney and John Smich and sisters Wanda Baird and Gladys Finch.

Beverly and Wesley had no children of their own and because of this they opened their loving home to several foster children over the years. Their nieces and nephews also knew they were welcome to come and stay with them any time. They especially enjoyed spending time with their young nephew Ben Wesley Johannes, watching him play ball and taking him with them to different events.

Beverly and Wesley were cremated and there will be no services. Memorial donations may be made to the families. They may be sent to: Wesley and Beverly Smich Memorial Fund, 116 Main St., Hayesville, IA 52562. Condolences to the families may be sent to desmoinescremation.com.