Geneva "Jeanne" Caudill

Geneva "Jeanne" Caudill, 85, of Grinnell, died suddenly on Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, of natural causes.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 27, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rev. David T. Brandt officiating.

Memorials may be designated to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 229–11th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Jeanne was born Nov. 13, 1928, in Springhill, Iowa, the daughter of Frank and Pearl Brown Tharp. She was raised with three brothers and graduated from Springhill High School.

After graduation she worked in the Des Moines area, where she met her future husband Donald L. Caudill. On Nov. 1, 1948, they were married in Des Moines, where they raised two children.

She spent many years working as an underwriter in Des Moines, Atlanta, St. Louis, and Grinnell, and also enjoyed cooking, sewing and community volunteer work. She was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell, Red Hats, Grinnell Kiwanis Club, and the Meet and Eat Bereavement Group at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her daughter, Carla Surendran of Malcom; her son, Michael Caudill of Solon, Iowa; three grandchildren; and her loving four-legged companion Kelly.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and her husband, Don.