Linda Sue Maddux, 71, of Ames and formerly of this area, died in her sleep at Scottish Rite in Des Moines on Dec. 10, 2013.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, Dec. 14, at Grandon Funeral and Cremation Care in Ames, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Center for Creative Justice of Ames or the Ames Animal Shelter.

Online condolences may be directed to: www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com.

Linda was born Feb. 19, 1942, in Grinnell, the daughter of William R. and Garlan E. Potts Welsh. She graduated from Montezuma High School, then received a Bachelor of Arts from Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kan.

She married Jere Maddux on June 27, 1964, in Grinnell; they were later divorced. The couple lived in Kansas, Tennessee, and Des Moines before moving to Ames in 1971. Linda taught school in the Gilbert School district before she retired. She was a past president of the New Timers of Ames, volunteered at Open Line in Ames, Center for Creative Justice, AIDS Coalition, and enjoyed many bridge clubs.

Linda is survived by Jere Maddux of Ames; one son, Andrew Maddux of Wes Des Moines; one daughter, Katherine G. Maddux of Milwaukee, Wisc.; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; a brother, William R. Welsh III of Nebraska City, Neb.; a sister, Deborah Maddux of Menomonee Falls, Wisc.; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents.