Helen M. Moyer, age 74, of Kellogg, departed from this life on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A celebration of her life was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, at Herrick Chapel, 1128 Park St., on the Grinnell College Campus. Interment was at Rock Creek Cemetery near Kellogg.

Memorials may be designated to the American Heart Association or to the Alzheimer’s Association, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Helen was born the daughter of Albert and Edna (Dobbs) Johnson in Norfolk, Virginia. She was educated in the Norfolk public school system, received her Bachelor’s degree in Education from William and Mary, Norfolk Division, and her Masters in Education from Drake University in Des Moines.

Helen was a dedicated and caring elementary school teacher who taught in the Newton public school system for 23 years until her retirement in 2004. Previously, Helen had worked in Grinnell from 1972 until 1979 as an educational strategist for Area Education Agency Six. Earlier she taught in Virginia Beach, Va., New London, Conn., Rye, N.H., and Hamden, Conn. While on sabbatical, she also taught in Mountain View, Calif. Helen especially enjoyed hosting Grinnell College students and Rosenfield Program visitors in her home, where she welcomed guests with her warm Southern hospitality and good humor. She was an accomplished flutist, who also enjoyed singing and playing the piano.

Helen is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, Professor Wayne Moyer of Kellogg; her sister, Virginia (Dean) Woodward of Williamsburg, Va.; and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Edna Johnson; and her brothers, Roy and Ellsworth.