Joyce Ann Hamilton

Joyce Ann Petersen Hamilton, 81, died Nov. 25, 2014, in Longmont, Colo. Services will be held at the Longmont Senior Center on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m.

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Joyce Ann Hamilton, 81, of Longmont, Colo., and formerly of Grinnell, died Nov. 25, 2014, at Longmont United Hospital due to respiratory failure.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Longmont Senior Center in Colorado. All family and friends are invited.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Longmont Senior Center, or Meals on Wheels of Longmont.

Joyce was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Valparaiso Neb., the daughter of Harold and Margaret Petersen. She was one of eleven children. The family moved to Mediapolis, Iowa, when Joyce was young and she was a 1950 graduate of Mediapolis High School. After graduation she traveled the United States and worked in various resorts as a waitress and administrative positions. She then settled in Des Moines.

On July 4, 1958, she was united in marriage with David Hamilton at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Des Moines. The couple lived briefly at Rock Creek Lake before moving to Grinnell in 1959. They were later divorced in 1970. She was a homemaker in Grinnell, and also worked at Grinnell Telephone.

In 1973, she moved back to the Mediapolis area, and worked at MHI, in Mount Pleasant. She enrolled at Southeastern Community College in Burlington, and graduated with a degree in nursing. She retired from MHI in 1991, and moved to Longmont.

Joyce enjoyed playing cards and being active. She frequented the Longmont Senior Center. She loved keeping up with her grandchildren’s activities.

Survivors include her three children, Margaret Kersbergen of Louisville, Colo., David Hamilton of Madrid, Spain, and Bob Hamilton of Grinnell; five grandchildren; one brother, Dale Petersen of Mediapolis; two sisters, Helen Gustison and Donna Schwob of Wapello; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Dorothy Hedges, Marjorie Welstead, June Winder, Jacqueline and Maxine Petersen; and two brothers, Ray Petersen and Fred Petersen.