Norma Jeane Fritz

Norma Jeane Fritz, 81, of Carlyle, Ill., and formerly of the Grinnell area, died March 2, 2015, at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese, Ill.

A graveside service and burial has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Malcom with Muriel Johannessen, associate in ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Norma J. Fritz Memorial Fund.

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The family suggests memorials, if desired, should be given to Messiah Lutheran Church or the donor’s favorite charity, and will be received by Zieren Funeral Home which is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.zierenfuneralhome.com.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1934, in Grinnell, a daughter of Stan and Ruby Butler Ahrens. She married Arnold William “Bill” Fritz on June 21, 1953, in Malcom. Norma attended Wartburg College in Waverly. Norma and Bill moved to Carlyle in 1966, and she worked at the Clinton County Assessor’s Office for 32 years. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle, and sang in the church choir. She bowled in the Monday Night Ladies League and played bridge in the Thursday Night Bridge League. Norma also enjoyed sewing, crafts, and decorating cakes.

She is survived by her husband, Arnold William “Bill” Fritz of Carlyle; two daughters, Dawn Stedelin of Robinson, Ill., and Jelene Rickhoff of Bartels; a son, Dale Fritz, of Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a brother, Donald Ahrens of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Ellen Curphy; and two brothers, Paul and Raymond Ahrens.