Karen Sue Henkle, 65

Karen Sue Henkle, 65, of rural Montezuma, died early Wednesday morning, Nov. 2, 2005 at her home from cancer.

Her funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 5, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. Howard Lord and the Rev. Dr. George Salnave officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Matthew Mann, Adam Mann, Cole Henkle, Mitchell Thompson, Michael Geiger, Michael Johnston, Bernie Vender Pol and Lynn Smith.

Sue was born Jan. 21, 1940 at the Grinnell Community Hospital in Grinnell, the daughter of Wendell and Helen (Gilmore) McClain. She grew up in Deep River and graduated from Deep River High School in 1957. On March 1, 1958 she was united in marriage with Roger Henkle at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. To this union four children were born, Rande, Robin, Rhonda and Heidi. Sue worked for many years until 1998 at Brownell's in Montezuma. Since then she worked various places including the Mahaffey Law Office, Studio 22, Rinehart Manufacturing, Sutherland's and the Poweshiek County Auditor's office.

Roger died Aug. 17, 1996. For the past seven years she has enjoyed the company of her special friend, Don Turner. She was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and the Red Hat Society. She also enjoyed golfing, camping, reading, biking and bird watching. Sue especially liked to spend time with her family and grandchildren.

She was looking forward to the new arrival of Miranda and Shannon Arthur's baby.

Sue is survived by her family: Rande and Paula Henkle of Montezuma; Robin and John Mann of Malcom; and Heidi and Dan Thompson of Grinnell; eight grandchildren, Miranda (Shannon) Arthur, Megan Henkle, Cole Henkle, Matthew Mann, Adam Mann, Bailey Thompson, Marie Thompson and Mitchell Thompson; a great-grandson, Kodie Strong; a sister, Sally, and Dennis Johnston of Montezuma and their family, Michael and Brenda, Conner and Colleen of Montezuma and Wendy and Michael Geiger, Tyler and Tessa of Deep River; and aunts and many friends.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roger, and a daughter, Rhonda, in infancy.

Memorials may be directed to the Sue Henkle Memorial.