Marjean Mae (Gesselink) Uitermarkt

Marjean Mae (Gesselink) Uitermarkt was born to Leonard J. and Mary Magdalene (Hiemstra) Gesselink on July 1, 1934, in Pella, Iowa. She was a graduate of Pella Christian High School in 1952.

Marjean married Verlan Uitermarkt on March 22, 1957, in the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. To this union, they had two daughters: Mindy and Cindi.

After high school, Marjean worked at Rolscreen and later worked for Ideal Manufacturing in Oskaloosa. She returned to Rolscreen prior to starting a family. After her children were raised she worked in the admissions department at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, for 15 years. Later, Marjean owned and operated Closet Collections in New Sharon until her retirement. She cherished spending time with family, family vacations; and spending time with “the Gesselink sisters.” Marjean and Verlan enjoyed going to music shows in Branson and visiting Verlan’s military friends. Marjean and Verlan got together with their “five couple” group of friends for over 55 years. Most of all Marjean loved attending her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren’s activities. Marjean was a former board member of New Sharon Community Daycare. She was also involved in many church activities including: Vacation Bible School, Bible study, Sunday School teacher, and was the director of children’s music.

Marjean is survived by her husband, Verlan Uitermarkt of New Sharon; daughter Mindy (Greg) Van Dyke of Grinnell and her family: Jonathan (Nichelle) Plate and Abbey, Ryan (Alex) Plate, and Andrew Plate; daughter Cindi (Dennis) Veldhuizen of Montezuma and their family: Ashton (Clint) Long and Ava and Weston, Chelsea (Austin) Steenhoeck, Courtney Veldhuizen and her fiancé Brandon Grosendyk; her sister Charlene De Kock of Pella, brother Leonard (Sharon) Gesselink of Pella, brothers and sisters-in-law: Donna Gesselink of Pella, Kenneth (Fern) Uitermarkt of Pella, Elinor (Nelson) Bogaard of Pella, Maxine Lanser of Centennial, Colorado, Melvin (Shirley) Uitermarkt of Leighton, Linda (John) Grandia of Pella, David Norwood of Washington, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

Marjean was preceded in death by her parents, brother John S. Gesselink, sister-in-law Nancy Norwood, brothers-in-law Gary Lanser and Glenn De Kock, and nephew Eric Gesselink.

Visitation will be held Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., with family present 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Garden Chapel Funeral Home in Pella. Funeral services will be held Monday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m. at Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. Memorials may be given to the Hospice Serenity House or the American Cancer Society.