Marilyn Irene Helmick, 81


Marilyn Helmick, 81 of Montezuma passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 17 at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Jackson Church of Christ in Montezuma. Burial was at the Sunset Cemetery in Des Moines. Visitation was Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Food Pantry. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn Irene Brady Helmick, the daughter of Oral and Mabel (Murray) Brady, was born on October 1, 1934 in Oak Park, IL. The family moved to Des Moines in 1939 and Marilyn graduated from East High in 1952. Marilyn loved playing the piano and started playing at the Church of Christ at the age of 12. She actually started at the age of 4 and couldn’t reach the pedals. On Flag Day, June 14, 1952, Marilyn was united in marriage to Robert E. Helmick. They are the parents of Steven, Debra, Mark, Terry and Paula. She worked at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Des Moines for 35 years. Following retirement in 1986, they owned and operated the RAYMAR VARIETY store for 11 years. She enjoyed giving piano lessons and working in the garden in the summer. She was President of the Retirement Group at Lake Ponderosa which enjoyed a potluck dinner the first of every month. Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, her son Terry and her brother Gerald Brady. Marilyn is survived by her husband Robert of 63 years, four children; Steven Helmick of Des Moines, Debra (David) Williams of Winterset, Mark Helmick of Polk City and Paula (Scott) Seiberling of Des Moines; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and many other relatives and many friends.