

Joy Jolley



Joy Ann Jolley, 92, of Oskaloosa and a native of Grinnell, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held Friday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa with the Rev. John Spiegel officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Open visitation was Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Bates Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Educational Loan Fund of Chapter NN P.E.O. or to the MHP Hospice Serenity House.

She was born Monday, June 30, 1924, in Grinnell, the daughter of Roy Edward and Katherine Buchanan Bates. She graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1942 and later graduated from the University of Iowa in 1947. Joy worked as a social worker for over 44 years. She worked first at U of I Hospitals for two years. She then moved back to Grinnell where she worked at the Social Welfare Office for a year; from 1955-1970, Joy worked out of the Mahaska County office in Oskaloosa. She later worked as a Mental Retardation Specialist for the Wapello County Social Welfare Office and lastly in Des Moines until her retirement in 1986. From 1989-2000, Joy worked as a social worker with Marion County Care Center.

On Dec. 10, 1949, Joy was united in marriage with Ray Jolley in Grinnell and they later divorced. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa, a 50-year member and charter member of P.E.O. Chapter NN, Who's Who in America and Who's Who Women of the Midwest. She licensed the first foster home in Mahaska County in 1955.

Joy is survived by a sister, Jean Nelson of Spartanburg, S.C., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband Ray Jolley; a daughter Barbara Koogler; and two sisters, Barbara Howell and Mary Olson.

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