HARTWICK RESIDENT  

Mavis Heishman, 82

Mavis Heishman, age 82, of Hartwick, Iowa, passed away peacefully at Brooklyn Community Estate on December 5, 2016. No funeral service is planned. Burial will be at a later date. A gathering of family and friends will be held in the future.

Mavis June Rinehart Heishman was born along with her twin sister, Avis, on April 23, 1934 in Iowa County to Clarence and Merle Shedenhelm Rinehart. She graduated from Ladora in 1953. Mavis married Maynard Heishman (later divorced) and lived in rural Brooklyn, Iowa. They had three children, Kevin, Jeannie and Tracy. She most recently had lived in Hartwick, Iowa.

Growing up, Mavis worked mowing yards, babysitting and as a waitress. She played piano and trombone and was a member of a small, scrappy girls basketball team for Ladora—winning the state tournament in 1950. She worked a number of years for General Telephone Company. She loved attending all of her children’s school activities. She enjoyed music, theater, reading, history, refinishing, yardwork, home decorating, antiques and especially her flowers.

Mavis is survived by her children: Kevin Heishman of Brooklyn, Iowa, Jeanne Morris of Aurora, Colo., Tracy Heishman of Hartwick, Iowa; four grandchildren, Jeannette, Michelle, Fred, and Sarah Morris, all of suburbs of Denver, Colo.; her sisters, Marcella (Fess) Parker of California, Avis (Gerald “Joe”) Fraker of Victor, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Eileen (Elton) Rinehart of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Inez Rinehart, Ireta (John) Daniels, Mervalle Rinehart and Elton Rinehart.