Vivian P. Link, 85

Vivian P. Link, age 85, of Grinnell and formerly of Holiday Lake near Brooklyn, died on Friday, July 28, 2017, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn with Pastor John Eppe- rson officiating. A luncheon will be held at the church following the service. Internment will be at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, 731 2nd Street, Grinnell, from 5-7 p.m., with friends invited to attend.

Memorials may be designated to the Brooklyn First Presbyterian Church or to the St. Francis Manor Foundation, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Vivian Pauline Schoop was born the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Huff) Schenk on April 14, 1932, on the family farm near Bellevue, Iowa. She attended a one-room country grade school for eight years and graduated from Bellevue High School with the class of 1950. She attended nursing school at Allen Memorial Hospital in Bellevue, Iowa, and became a registered nurse in 1952.

On June 14, 1952, Vivian was united in marriage with John W. Link, of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. The couple lived in Cedar Falls and Vivian worked as a nurse at Allen Memorial Hospital and was supervisor of nurses at the University of Northern Iowa Health Service in 1977. She moved to Holiday Lake near Brooklyn and operated Link's Body Shop, Link's Marina and Link Realty.

Vivian was also employed at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn and was the director of nursing at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell and Utilization Review Coordinator at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. After retiring from nursing, she obtained her Real Estate license and continued to sell until 2009, when she and John moved to Seacland Park in Grinnell.

Vivian was an active member of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session. She also served on the Poweshiek County Sanitation Board, as Chairman of the Poweshiek County Board of Health, as a voluntary nurse on the Poweshiek County Board of Realtors, and was a Den Mother with the local Cub Scouts. She organized the first Holiday Lake Fourth of July Ski Show, with the help of many great volunteers.

Vivian held a great love for her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, who called her "Grandma Great Viv." Her enjoyments were her love of nursing, selling real estate, visiting with people, and living life at Holiday Lake. She will be remembered for doing things her way, for being compassionate and driven, and for her love of others and life in general.

Vivian was survived by her two sons, Steve (Patsy) Link and David (Denise) Link of Brooklyn; five grandchildren, Courtney (Brendon) Donohoe, Brandon (Whitney) Link, Troy (Brittany) Link, Trenton Link and Travis (Natalia) Link; five great grandchildren, Piper and Sloane Donohoe, Ariana Bettiga, River Link and Baby L. (due in October); and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Link in 2014, and siblings, Adele Seward and William Schoop.