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Carol Arendt, 77

Carol Arendt, age 77, of Grinnell, formerly of Montezuma, died on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell. A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 24, 2017, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Dr. George Saalhue, pastor of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Visitation will be held prior to her service beginning at 9 a.m. at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Carol A. Arendt Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 365, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Carol’s family online at www.smithfh.com.

Carol Ann Lamb was born the youngest of three children to Earl Friend Lamb and Ruth Olive (Lamb) Lamb on July 9, 1940, in Grinnell. She was raised on the family farm near Montezuma, Iowa and graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 1958.

Carol was united in marriage to Larry Arendt on March 29, 1958, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They were blessed with two sons, Craig and Jack; a daughter, Barbara; and raised their family in Des Moines, Deep River, Gibson, and Montezuma, respectively. Following their retirement in 1996, they moved to Lake Ponderosa. Their marriage later ended in divorce in 1994. In 2003, Carol suffered a massive stroke and limited her from enjoying all the things she loved to do. She has been cared for by the staff at the Mayflower Community for the last 14 years, to which the family is most grateful for the wonderful and loving care she was provided. She was a member of the Montezuma Presbyterian Church, the Mother’s Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Montezuma Country Club, and was a 4-H Leader.

Carol had a strong personality and loved to be the one in charge, as her family mentioned, “It was Carol’s way or the wrong way.” She was big Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball fan and was famous for her tailgate venues at Iowa Hawkeye football games. Her enjoyments included golfing and playing bridge at Montezuma Country Club, and most importantly, attending her grandchildren’s activities.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Rex) Baker of Montezuma; two sons, Craig (Jud) Arendt of Grinnell and Jack (Erika) Arendt of Coralville, Iowa; 6 grandchildren, Kelsey Arendt of New York City, New York; David Arendt of Iowa City, Iowa, Philip and Prescott Arendt, both of Coralville, and Megan and Matt Baker of Montezuma; and two brothers, Darrell (Connie) Lamb of Grinnell and Sid (Arline) Lamb of Malcom, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents.
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