Alraune "Kitty" Shadden, 86

Alraune Shadden Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations and may be mailed in care of The Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.

Alraune Giesela Schneider Shadden was born the daughter of Hinrich and Louisa Schneider on March 21, 1931, in Germany. She was raised and educated in Germany during World War II and spent much of her childhood surviving the war in a bomb shelter.

Alraune met a member of the United States Air Force by the name of Robert Shadden while she was serving in Germany during the Korean Conflict. They were united in marriage on October 4, 1952, and moved to Montana shortly after. She was very proud to become an American citizen. Bob and Alraune were blessed with a daughter, Elizabeth. They lived in Montana and eventually moved to Iowa, where Bob began farming near Gilman and later moved west of Tama. Bob later drove truck throughout the country and Alraune joined him on many of his journeys. She cherished the beauty of all but two of the 50 states. They moved to Texas in 1988.

Alraune was a long-time member of over 60 years with the American Legion Auxiliary and served as president and Sergeant at Arms. She was also a Camp Fire Girls leader. While living close to Tama, she enjoyed dancing with the Meskwaki Indians during their Pow Wows, where she sewed many of their costumes. Her enjoyments included fishing, camping, cooking, and helping younger kids.

Alraune is survived by her daughter, Liz (Larry) Manatt of Malcom, Iowa; granddaughter, Robert (Amanda) Manatt of Brooklyn, Iowa; great grandchildren, Dezerea and Gabriel Manatt of Brooklyn, and Jessica Rennacker of Fremont, Iowa; grandson, Robert; and brother, Karl Schneider. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.