Jeraldine J. McClure, 81, of Grinnell, died peacefully in her sleep on January 12, 2019, at her home.

A private, family-only, memorial service will be held later this year. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be designated to Disabled American Veterans, VARO, 566 Federal Bldg., 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Jeraldine was born on May 12, 1937, to Vere and Dorothy (Lackore) Jenison in Belmond, Iowa. She was the seventh of sixteen children. She was married to Donovan D. McClure in 1956. Five children, Colin, Romaine, Jennifer, Owen and Mikki were born to this union.

Jeraldine spent 33 years in Telecommunications, first at Northwestern Bell as a telephone operator, and then holding various positions for GTE in Iowa, Missouri and Ohio before retiring in 1998 as a Human Resource Business Partner.

Jerry enjoyed her family, especially her siblings and her grandchildren. She loved travel and her annual family fishing trips and spending time at her cabin in Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donovan (1993), her sisters Wanda, Hope, Audra, Gloria, and Carolyn Sue; her brothers Randall, Greydon and Jon; and her granddaughter Matilin.

She is survived by her five children, Colin (Diane), Romaine Fenner (Randy Adkins), Jennifer Fedderson (Robert), Owen (Pam), and Mikki Hilton (Randell). She was blessed by and is also survived by 12 grandchildren; Joshua, Erin, Tasha, Tonya, Matthew, Rachel, Samantha, Jacob, Greydon, Meredith, Emily, and Zachary, as well as 14 great grandchildren.