

Carol S. Kolars



Carol S. Kolars, 80, of Malcom died Jan. 15, 2024, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A visitation was scheduled to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, at Smith Funeral Home. A luncheon will immediately follow the service at the Malcom Auditorium.

Memorials may be designated to PALS (Poweshiek Animal League Shelter) and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with

Carol's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Carol was born on March 25, 1943 in Montezuma to William J. and Ella Francis Spading Graham, one of eleven siblings. She was raised in Montezuma, and moved with her family to Malcom when she was in the fourth grade. Carol was a part of the first class to graduate from BGM in 1961.

On Aug. 20, 1962, Carol was united in marriage with Marvin Kolars at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, and they had three children.

Carol began her working career as a bookkeeper for Marvin at Kolars Garage, was an Avon lady, sorted corn for Heineke Seed Co., and worked at Delong's Sportswear in Grinnell from 1983 to 2009. She also was a member of the Malcom Fire Department Women's Auxiliary for many years.

Carol loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their events. She was also known for making popcorn balls for Halloween. Carol enjoyed gardening, flowers, lawn mowing, bowling, cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and country music. Her favorite artists were Alan Jackson and Elvis Presley. Carol also loved her cat, Graycin.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Kolars of Malcom; her children, Jeff Kolars of Malcom, Marty Kolars of Malcom and Angela Rudd of Brooklyn; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; her siblings, Ruth Beck of Grinnell, Roberta See of Grinnell, James Graham of San Antonio, Texas, Michael Graham of Grinnell, and Nancy Weaver of Grinnell; and her cat, Graycin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her siblings, Thomas Graham, Barbara Smith, John Graham, William Graham and Beatrice Martin.