

Marilyn Cook, 75

Marilyn Cook, 75, of Otley, formerly of Montezuma, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at the Comfort House Hospice in Pella. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery in Montezuma.

Memorial contributions may be made to the: Colon Cancer Care Coordinator Carol Frazell, 1221 Pleasant St., Suite 450, Des Moines, IA 50309, or to the Hospice Comfort House of Pella at 505 Union St, Pella, IA 50219. Friends may give condolences at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com.



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Marilyn Faye Cook was born the daughter of John and Anna Mae (DeWinter) Roorda on Sept. 6, 1933, in Marion County. She was a 1951 graduate of the Montezuma High School. Marilyn was united in marriage to Stuart Fleming on Dec. 11, 1955. She worked at the Bechly Abstract Company and as a legal secretary for Attorney Michael W. Mahaffey. Marilyn married Sheridan Cook on Aug. 23, 1986. She was a member of the Pella United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Order of the Eastern Star. She also served as a Girl Scout leader and board member for the Montezuma Library. Marilyn was a very meticulous person, caring for the cleanliness of her home and kids; her polite mannerisms were instilled in her children. Her family was by far the most important part of her life. Marilyn's laughter, smiles, hugs and excellent cooking will always be cherished by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Sheridan; seven children and their spouses, David (Teresa) Fleming of North English, Steven (Liz) Fleming of New Sharon, Ruth Fleming of Centreville, Va., Lorraine (Tom) Breese of Montezuma, Sheryl (Steve) Mertz of Robbinsdale, Minn., Lynn (Ernie) Wolter of Emmetsburg, and Scott (Gina) Cook of Algona. She also leaves behind 13 siblings: her brothers, Harlan, Loren, Norman, Elmer, Virgil, Lyle and Bruce Roorda; and her sisters, Joyce Stone, Barb Foster, Pat Davis, Marge Clayton, Linda Mason, and Sharon Fowler. Marilyn was also blessed with 19 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and one very loyal friend, Jessie #2, her labrador.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna Mae (DeWinter) Roorda; husband, Stuart Fleming; daughter, Jennifer Fleming; and her brother, Marvin Roorda.