Cora B. Kriegel, 73

Cora B. Kriegel, age 73, of Brooklyn, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family, following an extended illness. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn with Father Philip Ryan officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn. A memorial fund has been established.

Cora is survived by her husband, Lawrence; six children, and 21 grandchildren: Phyllis McGowan (Myron) of Vinton, and her children, Jason Forgy of Orlando, Fla.; Aaron Forgy of Madison, Wis.; and Lucas Forgy of Milwaukee, Wis.; Eugene Kriegel (Chris) of Brooklyn, and their children, Amy Smith (John) of Marengo, Ryan Kriegel (Cari) of Marengo, and Angela Grimm (Chad) of Roosevelt, Utah; Susan Everett (John) of Atkins, and their children, Jacob and Nathan; Phillip Kriegel (Teresa) and their children, Amber Coleman (Pat), Ashley Krebill (Adam), and Steven Kriegel, all of Brooklyn; Joe Kriegel (Kim) of Brooklyn, and their children, Caleb, Colby, and Lacey; and Diana Swartz (Ken) of Bettendorf, and their children, Kalen, Kaivin, Micah, Isaiah, Josiah, Kaylee, and Anna; and nine great-grandchildren, Zach, Ben, Samantha, Jayden, Mishayla, Alexa, Dominic, Alaina, and Averee. Also surviving are two sisters, Grace Bradley and Minnie Owens, both of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cora Bernice Raley was born March 2, 1935, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the daughter of Cecil and Annie Hale Raley. She received her education in the rural schools and attended Malcom High School. Cora married Lawrence Paul Kriegel on Oct. 31, 1951, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. She was employed as a bookkeeper in Vinton until 1977, when the couple relocated to Brooklyn. She then was employed at the Brooklyn Building Center until her retirement. Cora was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn, the Altar and Rosary Society, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Business Women Association of Brooklyn. Cora also was secretary and activity director of the Grove Park in San Juan, Texas. She enjoyed cross stitch, camping, fishing and heading to Texas for the winters. She especially cherished the time she spent with her family, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at the Web site www.kloster-funeralhome.com.