Rosemary Thompson, 80

Rosemary Thompson, age 80, of Brooklyn, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at her home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Daniel Andrews officiating. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be contributed to the Grinnell Hospice.

She is survived by three sons, Rodney of Vinton, Tom and wife, Sue, of Brooklyn, and Jeff and wife, Ramae, of Amana; a daughter, Debbi Olson of Brooklyn; five grandchildren, Crystal Klein of Brooklyn, Anna Thompson and J.J. Thompson of Amana, Tammi Olson of Brooklyn, and Gerri Green and husband, Jay, of Ottumwa; and three great-grandchildren, Taytin Chamberlin, and Clair and Ella Green. Also surviving is a sister, JoAnn Boyd and husband, Lyle, of New Sharon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald; and three sisters, Betty Zoll, Marlene Heishman, and Darlene Hoover.

Rosemary Walter was born March 20, 1929, in Mendota, Mo., the daughter of Ralph and Gladys Newman Walter. She was the second of five girls. Rosemary graduated from Montezuma High School in 1949, and attended Americana Academy of Beauty in Des Moines. She worked at Opal's Beauty Shop in Montezuma. Rosemary married Gerald William Thompson on March 28, 1951, in New Sharon. The couple moved to Brooklyn and she operated Rosemary's Beauty Shop from her home for many years. She retired in 1990, and worked as a waitress at the Star Inn. She also was a caregiver for many years.

Rosemary was a member of Victor Baptist Church where she and Jerry raised their children to know the Lord as their personal savior. She enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be extended to the family via the Web site www.klosterfuneral-home.com.