

(Donald)

Elizabeth Elk

Elizabeth W. "Liz" Elk, 72, of Storm Lake, the sister of Dorothy Pinder of Grinnell, died of pancreatic cancer Friday, Jan. 26.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church of Storm Lake, with the Rev. Clifton Ellerbeck officiating. Private family committal services will be at the Storm Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Storm Lake Area Arts Council, the United Methodist Church, Buena Vista County Hospital Foundation or Witter Gallery.

The daughter of Lawrence B. and Hazel Erickson Watt, she was born Oct. 2, 1923, in Storm Lake. She was a 1941 graduate of Storm Lake High School. She attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon and received a degree in textiles and clothing from Iowa State University in 1945. She worked as an assistant buyer at Carson Pirie Scott in Chicago and later was employed as an interior decorator at Younkers in Des Moines.

She was married to Donald W. Elk Dec. 19, 1947, in Grinnell. They lived in Marshalltown for three years before returning to Storm Lake in 1951 when Mr. Elk became associated with Owen, Elk & Holmes.

Mrs. Elk was a Girl Scout leader for 15 years. She was the recipient of the Girl Scout Thanks Badge and the Service Award from Iowa State University.

She was active in the United Methodist Church, having been a Sunday school teacher and youth fellowship sponsor. She twice served as president of Chapter EP, P.E.O.; was a board member and past president of the Witter Gallery; and was instrumental in establishing the Storm Lake Area Arts Council, serving as its president for three years and executive secretary for several years.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, James of Bar Harbor, Maine, and Robert of Los Angeles; one daughter, Sara Jane of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mary Ellen Collinge of Rochester, N.Y., and Dorothy Pinder of Grinnell; and three granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant daughter.

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