Donna Jesina


A private family service was held Thursday, Aug. 26. Memorials may be made to the Donna Jesina Memorial Fund. Smith Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

The daughter of Donald Hill and Lucile Dixon Smith, she was born Nov. 18, 1944, in Macon, Ga. She was raised on a farm near Perry, Ga., and was a 1962 graduate of Perry High School. She was married on April 2, 1964, in Perry to Darrell Jesina. The couple moved to a farm near Toledo, Iowa, in 1966, and she moved to Grinnell in 1979. She was employed at the Tama Eagles Lodge and later DeLong Sports, Friendship Manor and Super America, all in Grinnell, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and a quilting club.

She is survived by four children, Mike Jesina of Sully, Monica Vest of Toledo, Tony Jesina of Ottumwa and Casey Jesina of Des Moines; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her former husband.