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A celebration of life service was held Monday, Jan. 18, in the Carman Center at the Mayflower Community with the Rev. Kathryn Roys and the Rev. John Saxton officiating. Visitation was to be held Monday, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Carman Center.

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She was born on May 27, 1926, in Milwaukee, Wisc., to Gayhart and Viola Pahl, the eldest of eight children. She was raised and educated in Milwaukee, then received her post-secondary education at Milwaukee State Teachers College in Milwaukee, now called UWM. Following her education, she worked at Gimbel's Department Store and Marwood Studios in Milwaukee.

She was united in marriage with Fleetwood A. Diefenthaler Jr. on May 26, 1952, in Milwaukee. Following their marriage they lived in Milwaukee prior to moving to Kellogg, in 1978. After their children were older, she worked part-time at First National Bank of Glendale in Milwaukee. Following her husband's retirement, they spent winters in Mission, Texas, and summers in Iowa.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell.

She is survived by her sons and daughter Andre Diefenthaler of Austin, Texas, Mark Diefenthaler of Dover, Pa., Tim Diefenthaler of Ladera Ranch, Calif., and Amy Smith of Grinnell, three grandchildren, and her siblings, Roger Bramdon, Janet Courchaine and Richard Brandon. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her siblings, Jacqueline Brandon, George Brandon, Russell Brandon and Jim Brandon.

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