

Gladys Schrage

Gladys Schrage, 67, of Melrose, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines after a lingering battle with cancer.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date after which burial will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery at Montour.

She was born July 18, 1942, in Tama County, the daughter of Leonard and Margaret Davis Hofer. She was united in marriage with Garry Schrage on May 28, 1960, in Unionville, Mo. The family lived in Grinnell for a time and she was employed at Holland Plastics in Gilman. She later worked in Des Moines in the department of children and families, retiring after 20 years.

She enjoyed fishing and camping at Lake Rathbun near her home. She and her husband also worked at campsites there.

She is survived by her daughter Gina Nordyke of Urbandale and her son Dennis Schrage of Moravia; two grandchildren; her brother Robert Hofer of Des Moines and three sisters, Janet Sheets of Grinnell and Jessie Mefford and Jenny Burgett of Des Moines. She was preceded in death by three grandchildren in infancy; her parents, a brother Larry Hofer and a sister, Darlene Routier.

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