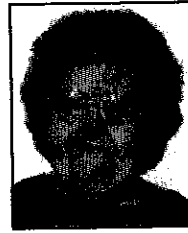


## Karen R. Van Sickle, 70

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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 5, at the Victor United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Davis officiating.



Memorials may be directed to the Karen R. Van Sickle Memorial Fund, sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com). Smith Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Victor is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brooklyn Community Estates for their exceptional care and support over the years.

Karen was born the daughter of Elmer Rusk and Kathleen "Kutch" Squires Rusk on April 29, 1940, in Belle Plaine. She was raised in Belle Plaine and graduated from Belle Plaine High School with the class of 1958.

She was united in marriage to Terry Van Sickle and to this union their daughter, Heidi, was born. Following the death of her husband, she moved back to Belle Plaine to be closer to her family. She was employed at Benco Manufacturing in Belle Plaine for many years.

Karen's family was her life and she dearly loved her grandchildren. Her enjoyments included making crafts at the nursing home, playing cards and board games, and solving crossword puzzles.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Heidi (Eric) Van Buren of Victor; her grandchildren, Terra, Saxon, Bailey, and Nate Van Buren; her sister, Marcia McDonald of West Branch; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, Carol Walton and Lyle Rusk; and a nephew, Brad Busher.

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