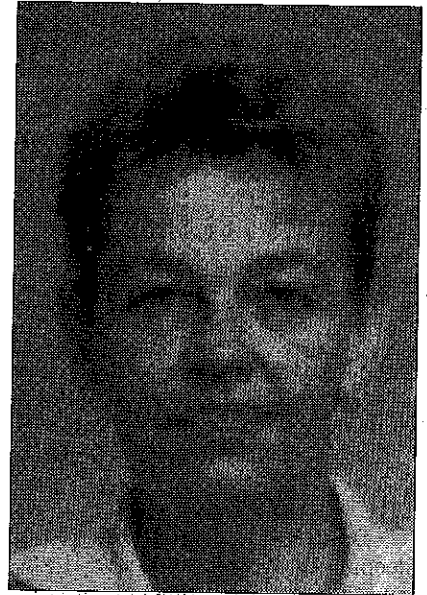


Neoma married Gus Joseph Walter on April 3, 1960, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kiester, Minn., and the couple had four children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Suzanne and Cynthia. Neoma and her children moved to Grinnell in 1972. She was a longtime employee at General Telephone Company, beginning her career there as an operator in 1972. After a number of years working in a variety of capacities, she retired from GTE in 2003.

Neoma was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell and the Grinnell Eagles Club. Her enjoyments included spending time with her family and friends, and traveling with friends to explore unique rural communities. She especially enjoyed spending time at her friend's cabin in Guttenberg.

Neoma is survived by her children, Tom Walter of Grinnell, Beth Glasnapp of Oskaloosa, Sue Sowden of Des Moines, and Cindy Juhl of Irwin, Iowa; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild; and her brother, Gene Christenson of New Brighton, Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Neoma S. Walter



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Neoma S. Walter, 70, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 11, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Kathryn Roys, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service on Friday from 9 until 11 a.m.

Memorials may be designated to the St. John's Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund, or to Grinnell Regional Hospice and may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

Neoma was born the daughter of Tilford Christenson and Viola Drussell Christenson on August 29, 1939, in Thompson, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm near Thompson and graduated from Thompson High School with the class of 1957.