Jo Ann Miller, 77

Jo Ann Miller, age 77, of Victor, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 20, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor with Father Brian Shepley officiating. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Memorials may be designated to the Jo Ann Miller Memorial Fund and sent

in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa, 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com,

Jo Ann was born on July 15, 1933, in Grinnell, to John and Mildred Keefe Wentland. She was raised near Hartwick, and she graduated from Hartwick High School in 1951 She then attended American Institute of Business College in Des Moines.

She was united in marriage to Willis Miller on Nov. 29, 1952, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor. The couple farmed near Victor and she was a homemaker. The couple was blessed with 10 children, Jane, David, Julie, Mary Jo, Michael, Jeff, Randy, Lori, Katie and Tim.

Jo Ann was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor. She dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was an avid Hawkeye fan and her enjoyments included tending to her flowers, gardening and watching birds.

Jo Ann is survived by her husband of 57 years, Willis Miller of Victor; her children, Jane Rupp of Roseville, Calif., David (Kathy) Miller of Victor, Julie (Larry) Grier of Guernsey, Mary Jo (John) Patten of Victor, Mike Miller of Victor, Jeff Miller of Victor, Randy (Marilyn) Miller of Victor, Lori (Steve) Slaymaker of Marengo, Katie (Jake) Miller of Wellsboro, Pa., and Tim (Jamie) Miller of Blairstown; 26 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; her sisters, Mary Kay Herzberg of Oregon, Marcella Van Nevel of Belle Plaine, and Jeanne Van Nevel of Victors and her brother, Mike Wentland of Hartwick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Todd Miller; and her brother, John Wentland.

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