JoAnn Rubel 8-4-4



JoAnn Rubel, 76, of Kellogg, died on Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, at her home.

A celebration of life service will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Newton. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery in New Sharon.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Rock Creek Lake Alliance or to the Kellogg Garden Club and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

JoAnn Thelma Randels was born on June 1, 1935, in Oskaloosa to Duward and Edith Larson Randels. She graduated with the class of 1953 from New Sharon High School.

She started working at the phone company and met her future husband, Robert, through her employment. They were married on June 29, 1958, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

She was devoted to her family, and enjoyed gardening, crafts and traveling.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert Rubel of Kellogg; her children, Sharon Johnson of Grinnell, Doug Rubel of San Antonio, Texas, Barb Ames of DeSoto, and Bev Brannen of Knoxville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and her siblings, Phyllis Anderson and Randy Randals, both of Montezuma, and George Randels of Orlando, Fla.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Dale Kenneth Randels and Bob Randels.