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Bonnie J. Mahaffey, 80, died Oct. 9, 2008, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Her memorial service was held Monday, Oct. 13, at the Gunderson Memorial Chapel

in Fort Dodge.

Bonnie was born in rural Nemaha, Iowa Aug. 22, 1928, to Clifford Wayne and Ruth Etta (Petty) Waterman. She graduated from Providence Consolidated High School in Sulphur Springs and attended Morningside College. She was united in marriage with Russell Mahaffey Feb. 7, 1946. From this union three children were born. She retired from Iowa Central Community College where she worked as an instructional aide in the Voc. Tech. Building. She enjoyed dancing, cooking and reading. Her greatest joy in life was her family especially keeping up with the lives of her seven grandchildren. She

was intensely interested in everything they did. To Bonnie, cleanliness truly was next to godliness. She lived in Fort Dodge 33 years and recently moved to Montezuma.

She is survived by her son Michael (Patti) Mahaffey and their children: Matthew (Kemberlee), Mary Kathleen (Brad) Lindberg and P.J.; her daughter Rachael Ann Mahaffey and her son Ryan Michael, and her daughter Heidi (Tom) Nelson and their children: Molly Nelson, her husband Kole Petersen, Rebecca Nelson and Seth Nelson; Also one great-grandson. Luke Mahaffey. She is also survived by her sisters Margie Lauruhn and Shirley (Glen) Lookingbill, her sister-in-law Leah Waterman plus several nieces, nephews, cousins and two aunts.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Donald Waterman, two brothers-in-laws; Keith Smith and Bill Lauruhn, and one nephew, Allen Smith.

Memorials may be directed to the Salvation Army and the Fort Dodge Public Library.

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She is survived by her son Michael Mahaffey of Montezuma; two daughters, Rachael Ann Mahaffey and Heidi Nelson; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren and one great grandson. She also is survived by her sisters Margie Lauruhn and Shirley Lookingbill. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Donald Waterman.

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