Joan Hammelman

Joan Hammelman, 65, of Urbandale and formerly of Grinnell died Monday, Nov. 7, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center

services for Joan Funeral Hammelman were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rev. David T. Brandt and the Rev. Mark Krause officiating. Casket bearers included Dave Ashburn, Marvin Honold, Brent McKenna, Rod Robey, Greg Sampson and Marvin Stone. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell

She was born on Sept. 2, 1940, in Pine Bluffs, Wyo., the daughter of Paul and Chleo Haines Hopka. She was raised and educated in Pine Bluffs and graduated from Pine Bluffs High School in 1958. She received her bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Iowa in 1978 and received her masters degree in computer education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1994.

She married Roger Hammelman on Feb. 19, 1961, at Grace Lutheran Church in Pine Bluffs. The couple had three children, sons Douglas and Daniel and daughter Tracie. The couple moved to Tama in 1961 and to Grinnell in 1968 - where she taught business education and computer applications at Grinnell Middle School for 16 years.

The couple moved to Flower Mound, Texas, where she was an educator in the Grapevine School System for three years, before their 2001 move to Celina, Texas, and their 2003 move to Burnsville, Minn. The couple later moved to Urbandale.

She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and played a key role in the church's origination. She was a leader among her peers and spent her live improving the lives of others. She enjoyed boating, and the couple also traveled together and enjoyed the comfort of friends and family.

She is survived by her husband; her sons, Douglas of Lake Ponderosa and Daniel of Clive; her daughter, Tracie Hammelman of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren; and a sister, Claryce Sargent of Pine Bluffs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Edwin, Malford, Orville and Malvin, who died

in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund.

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Visitation hours will be held from 12 to 9 p.m. Thursday, November 10, at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

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