Marie B. Gildersleeve



Marie B. Gildersleeve, 80, of Fennimore, Wis., and a Grinnell native, died Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at U.W. Hospital in Madison.

A memorial service was held at the Fennimore United Methodist Church on June 31, with the Rev. William "Bud" Budzinski officiating. Inurnment was at Prairie Cemetery in Fennimore. Larson Family Funeral Home

6H-R 8-14-2017 was in charge of the arrangements.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1936, in Grinnell, the daughter of Henry and Dora Garrett Koger. She grew up in the Grinnell area, and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1955. She married Delmar Gildersleeve on Aug. 21, 1955, in Grinnell, and after her marriage worked in clothing sales for some years until owning and operating Marie's Ceramics for 20 years. She then was employed at Land's End in Dodgeville for 10 years until retiring in 2002.

Marie was a member of the Grant County Farm Bureau, Eastern Star and Fennimore United Methodist Church. She loved her family, sports, reading, and crafts, and also enjoyed traveling and wintering with her husband in Arizona.

Marie is survived by her four children Rhonda Gildersleeve of Boscobel, Randy Gildersleeve of Forest Lake, Minn., Tom Gildersleeve of Lancaster and Teresa Mead of New Auburn; seven grandchildren; brother Ralph Koger of Boone; and sister-in-law Phyllis Smith of Grinnell.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; stepmother Lois Koger; her husband; two brothers Robert Koger and Raymond Koger; and other relations.