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Delores Koger, 75



Delores Koger, 75, of Grinnell, died Friday, Dec. 30, at St. Francis Manor.

Her funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Hazelwood Cem-

etery, Grinnell. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of the arrangements.

Delores was born on Dec. 15, 1930, in Marshalltown, to Clarence and Nettie Lukehart of Laurel. She attended school and graduated from Laurel High School in 1948. Delores then attended a travel trade school in Omaha, Neb., moved to Grinnell and was employed by Grinnell State Bank.

On Dec. 4, 1949, she was married to Raymond Koger at the United Methodist Church in Laurel. Delores and Ray lived on the Koger family farmstead, south of Grinnell, where they operated a grain and livestock farm. The couple moved to their home on Main Street in Grinnell in 1995. Delores moved to St. Francis Manor in 2003.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Friends Church, United Methodist Church, the Grinnell Elks Lodge, the Iowa Farm Bureau and the Blue Point Friendship Club. She had also served as a 4-H club leader with the Washington Merry Workers. She worked at Grinnell State Bank for over 35 years as a teller in the Note Department and served as a bank officer. In 1979 she joined the Grinnell Travel Center staff for five years. Thereafter, she returned to Grinnell State Bank where, in 1990, she

started and served as Operations Director of the bank's Heritage Club, a senior citizen travel club, until she retired in 1995. She thoroughly enjoyed working with her customers and the folks who traveled with her. She also enjoyed photography, gardening and attending community activities and events. Delores was an avid reader and liked to watch ISU and Iowa football and basketball games. She loved a big parade, a good joke, and great music. Ray and Delores both enjoyed getting together with the card club friends, going dancing or out to eat. She most enjoyed traveling with Ray, her children and, as part of her career, to all 50 states and several foreign countries. Highlights included their annual trip to the Iowa State Fair, attending several World's Fairs, Koger cousin reunions and wintering in Arizona.

Survivors are the couple's children and their spouses, Steven and Bev Koger of Grinnell and Cindie and Dave Schlater of Exira; two grandchildren, Jeff and Bryan McNulty; two great-grandchildren, Christopher and John McNulty; two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Robert and Dorothy Koger of Everett, Wash., and Ralph and Betty Koger of Boone; a sister-in-law and her spouse, Marie and Delmar Gildersleeve of Fennimore, Wis.; and her brother's wife, Ardyce Lukehart of Cedar Rapids; many nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years, Raymond, brother Lavern Lukehart, daughter Susan Elaine Koger and nephew Allen Lukehart.

In Lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or to Poweshiek County 4-H.

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of Washington Merry Workers 4-H Club.

She was an avid reader and liked to watch ISU and UI football and basketball games. She and her husband enjoyed getting together with card-club friends, going dancing and out to dinner. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and children, including to all 50 states, and several foreign countries. Highlights included attending the Iowa State Fair, several world's fairs, Koger cousin reunions and wintering in Arizona.

She is survived by one son Steven Koger of Grinnell and one daughter Cindi Schlater of Exira; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 54 years; one brother Lavern Lukehart and one daughter Susan Elaine Koger.

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