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Carmen K. Cordes



Carmen K. Cordes, 71, of Guernsey, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, with her family at her side.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma with the Rev. Matt Flanders officiating. Casket bearers will be her grandchildren Levi Cordes, Ashlan Cordes, Garrett Cordes, Coby Cordes, Tristan Hofer, Ethan Hofer, Aidan Hofer, Amelia Hofer, Baze Cordes and Zane Cordes. Interment will be at the Guernsey Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

Friends may call at Community Hope Church in Montezuma beginning at 3 p.m. Friday and the family will be present at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to the Garden Gate Ranch and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Carmen was born on Dec. 17, 1946,

at St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell to James and Carmen Cummings Kriegel. She was raised in Malcom and graduated from BGM High School with the Class of 1965.

On May 20, 1967, she married Marvin Cordes at the Baptist Church in Victor. The family operated a grain and livestock farm near Guernsey. She was a mother of four children, assisted her husband with the farm operation and worked in the human relations department at Victor Plastics Company. Carmen enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, camping, gardening and caring for her cats.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Cordes of Guernsey; her children, Jeff Cordes of Pella, Kenneth Cordes of Guernsey, Angela Hofer of Tea, SD, and Kevin Cordes of Sully; 10 grandchildren; three brothers, Gary Kriegel and Don Kriegel, both of Malcom, and Roger Kriegel of Deep River; and nine sisters, Rosemary Neighbors of Malcom, Kathy Whitsell of Chelsea, Connie Buffum of Grinnell, Debbie Hargis of New Sharon, Cindy Plate of Grinnell, and Janet Plants, Angie Roller, Vickie Bunn and Janine Hawkins, all of Brooklyn.

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