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3-8-2018 **Joan Elizabeth Lemke**

Joan Elizabeth Lemke, 83, of Grinnell, Iowa, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, in Chandler, Arizona.

Joan was born on Oct. 22, 1934, to Leslie and Sarah Mehlin in Marshalltown, Iowa. She married Maynard Durr and to this union were born six children: Cynthia (Randy) Boulton, Randall (Yvonne) Durr, Victoria Angel, Theresa (Curt) Wayman, Rebecca (Loren) Alsager and Sondra (Loren) Burnell. Later they divorced and she was united in marriage with Earl Lemke of Grinnell, where they resided, to this marriage adding two stepchildren: Earl (Seher) Lemke Jr. and Jackie Iloff (Gary).



She traveled to Texas and Arizona for the winters. Joan was well known to her community: she was a lifetime waitress for JD's restaurant - from the first day they opened to the last day they closed. Joan loved many activities: bowling, golfing, playing cards and socializing over a cup of coffee (wine/beer) with her friends and family.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Alice Wells; her children and stepchildren; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Lemke; sisters Doris (Jim) Campbell and Addie (Ed) Kaisand; and her parents.

According to her wishes, Joan was cremated. A Celebration of Life with extended family will be held July 7, 2018, at the home of Joan. Memorials and Condolences may be mailed to 820 Holyoke St. Grinnell, Iowa 50112.