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Beverly Kay Rankin was born May 16, 1937, in Newton, Iowa, to Gerald Lee Rankin and Cleora Pauline (Wells) Rankin. She was raised in Newton for a short while and later her family moved to Gilman, Iowa. She graduated from Gilman Consolidated High School with the class of 1956.

Beverly started working for General Telephone Company in 1956 and working in various accounting and payroll departments over the years. The latter part of her career with GTE was in the 1-800 Calling Card Center, where she helped cover the phones twenty-four hours a day. After 42 ½ years of employment with GTE, she retired in March of 1999. She began working for Fareway grocery store in Grinnell in September of 1999 and retired in 2006. In December of 2006, she moved from her home in Grinnell to the Mayflower Community, where she worked in the Food Services department for seven years. Beverly was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Beverly's family and faith were her life. Her greatest joy was spending time with her nieces and nephews, whether it was reading books, solving puzzles, or sitting outside watching them play and have fun. Bev will be remembered for the love of her family, her infectious smile, her soft-spoken words, her gift of patience and kindness, and for always putting the needs of others ahead of hers.

Bev is survived by her sisters, Janet (Harry) Scurr of Gilman, Iowa, and Debbie Smith of Grinnell; brother, Dennis (Carla) Rankin of Linville, Iowa; 12 nieces and nephews; 27 great nieces and nephews; and five great great nieces and nephews. She was 81 years of age and was preceded in death by her mother, Pauline Rankin in 1988; brother-in-law, Jerry Wisgerhof in 1996; father, Gerald Rankin in 1999; niece, Sara Pauline (Rankin) Walkup in 2011; and sister, Joyce Wisgerhof in 2012.

Bev's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the nurse's and staff at the Mayflower Community for their loving care provided to Bev and the acts of kindness provided to the family.

