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Helen Jeane Schnell was born the daughter of Raymond E. Schnell and Agnes F. (Adams) Schnell on August 9, 1936, in Grinnell. She was raised on the family farm north of Grinnell and she graduated from the Newburg High School with the class of 1955.

Helen was united in marriage to Charles Albert Routier on April 28, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. After they started their family, they moved to Roswell, New Mexico, for six months and then moved back to Grinnell to live on the family farm, where they have lived most of their married lives. Helen was a dietician at Grinnell General Hospital for two years and then was a claims representative at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance for over 31 years, retiring in February of 2002.

Helen held a strong love for her family and was a good friend to many. She enjoyed reading, solving jigsaw puzzles, gardening, watching Perry Mason and Wheel of Fortune on TV, spending time with family, going out to eat at West Side Family Restaurant, and playing cards, especially Phase 10. She will be remembered for her generosity, for always being happy, and for the love of her family.

Helen is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles Routier of Grinnell; six children, Terry (Jill) Routier of Brandon, Iowa, Nancy (Dennis) Moore of Newton, Iowa, Rodney (Charli) Gray of Phoenix, Arizona, Linda (Ken) Hartgers of Rock Creek, Rhonda (John) Moyes of Grinnell, and Jody (Nicole) Routier of Grinnell; 19 grandchildren; and 27 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William (Bill) Routier; three sisters, Ruth Gray, Dorothy Johnson, and Joy Quinn; great grandchild, Gage McCammant; and nephew, Jackie Gray.

