

Barbara J. Kizer



Barbara J. Kizer, 70, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at her home while under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 15, at Smith Funeral Home with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Barbara J. Kizer Memorial Fund in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

The daughter of Wilbur and Wilma Doud Elliott, she was born March 26, 1937, in Grinnell where she was raised, as well as in Sioux City. She was united in marriage with Samuel P. Kizer on Oct. 12, 1958, in Torrance, Calif. They resided in Carson, Calif., where she worked for the Mattel Corporation for over 25 years. They moved to Grinnell in 1978 where she worked for DeLong Sportswear for nearly 30 years.

She was a woman of strong faith, committed to her family, an avid bingo player and Chicago Cubs fan. She especially enjoyed traveling, including trips to Germany; listening to country music; watching "soaps" during the day, and the companionship of her dog Sissy.

She is survived by four sons, Robert Kizer of Florsheim, Germany, Samuel Kizer and James Kizer of Grinnell and Richard Kizer of Dubuque; one daughter, Debra Icenbice of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her sisters Irene Brant of Grinnell, Mary Kay Vaughn of Cedar Falls and Marilyn Faulkers of Greene, and one brother, Roger Lindell of Omaha, Neb. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Samuel P. Kizer in 2001 and a granddaughter.

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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Friday beginning at 12 noon with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Barbara J. Kizer Memorial Fund.

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