Meroe Ellen Stanley

Meroe Ellen Stanley, 79, of Ankeny, formerly of Lynnville, died of cancer Saturday, May 11, at Mill Pond Retirement Center in Ankeny.

Memorial services were held Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Rick Miller, chaplain of Mill Pond Retirement Community, officiating. The body was cremated, and burial of the cremains was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Ralph and Florence Martindale Stanley, she was born June 6, 1922, in Lynnville. She attended Black Oak Country School and was a 1939 graduate of Lynnville High School.

She graduated from St. Luke's Methodist School of Nursing in Cedar Rapids in 1943 and later received a B.A. degree from Iowa State University and a teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps during World War II and served at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois and the Naval Hospital in Seattle.

She lived for many years in the Ann Arbor, Mich., area and was employed in the pediatrics department at University of Michigan Hospital for 10 years. She later taught home economics for 21 years in the Northville, Mich., School District, retiring in 1982. She continued to live in Ann Arbor until moving to Huxley in 1999 and to Ankeny in 2000.

Her parents and one brother, Lamar, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Meroe Ellen Stanley Memorial Fund.