



Marlys Sue Nielsen

October 18, 1932 - December 6, 2005

Marlys Sue Nielsen: Marlys S. Nielsen passed away early Tuesday morning, December 6, 2005 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines at the age of 73 years, 1 month and 18 days.

Marlys is survived by four children: Robert (Terri) Nielsen of Oskaloosa; Eric (Susan Henn) Nielsen of Lothian, MD; Gretchen (Scott) Barrett of Edmond, OK and Tom (Lori) Nielsen of Humboldt, IA. She was blessed with seven grandchildren: Rebecca, Alex and Joseph Nielsen; Megan Barrett; Liz (Chris) Sorenson; and Sarah and Hannah Nielsen.

Marlys Sue Nielsen, daughter of Thomas and Fern Hull Ostrus, was born October 18, 1932 in Mitchell, SD. Her family moved to Clinton, IA when she was 4 years old; there she graduated from Lyons High School in 1950. She and Robert Nielsen, Sr. were united in marriage on Feb, 14, 1954 in Clinton. They began their life together in Des Moines and lived there for 10 years. In 1964, Bob's job with Hy-Vee took them to Chariton, IA. Marlys became involved in the community and their church. After Bob's retirement, they moved to Des Moines in 1996. While in Chariton, she was an active member of the First Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School; she was instrumental in establishing Kiddie Kampus, a preschool, which has since celebrated its 25th Anniversary; she was a member of TTT, of which she held

several offices; she served as the 1970 director of the Lucas County Census; she was chairman of the Lucas County Republican Women; in 1984 she was appointed by Governor Terry Branstad to the Iowa Real Estate Commission, where she served for 9 years; and was a volunteer for various other organizations in Chariton. Marlys enjoyed reading and was a member of a book club in Chariton; she also enjoyed bowling, and played in leagues in Des Moines; Bridge was something she too enjoyed, she was a member of a group in Des Moines; she loved to travel; and spend time with her family, particularly her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Nielsen, Sr.; and one sister, Myrna Johnson.

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“ *Marlys Sue Nielsen*

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