



## Karole J. Graen

January 20, 1937 - October 2, 2012

Karole Graen, age 75, of Storm Lake, Iowa died October 2, 2012 at her home. Karole Joanne Hansen was born January 20, 1937 on a farm south of Spencer, Iowa, the daughter of Rexford L. and Erma C. Hansen. She was confirmed in the Methodist Church in Ruthven where she sang in the church choir. Karole attended Webb and Ruthven Schools and graduated in 1954 from Ruthven. In 1957, she graduated from Methodist Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, Minnesota. Following graduation, she spent some time working at the University of Chicago and Cook County Hospital in Chicago. On October 27, 1957, Karole was united in marriage to Jack L. Graen at the Methodist Church in Ruthven. Together, they were blessed with two children, Jeff and Amy. Karole worked as a Registered Nurse at a school in Adel, Iowa, part-time at Bil-Mar Foods in Storm Lake, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, and spent the last 21 years before retiring at the Buena Vista County Public Health Nurse Administrator. She had a compassion for teaching health promotion to the under-privileged. In her spare time, Karole loved reading and cooking. She enjoyed going to her children's and grandchildren's school activities and many basketball, football and baseball games. Karole was an avid Hawkeye fan and liked playing the penny machines at the casino. Karole treasured spending time traveling with her husband, especially wintering in Arizona. Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 54 years, Jack Graen of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Jeff (Janet) Graen of West Des Moines, Iowa; Amy (Joe) Baratta of Omaha,

Nebraska; grandchildren: Josh, Michael, Christopher and Nicole Graen; Jonathan and Matthew Dunn; brothers-in-law, Dick Pierson of Spencer, Iowa; Noel (Joan) Graen of Finksburg, Maryland; Marion Jaycox in Sanborn, Iowa nieces; nephews; extended family and friends. Karole was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Donna Pierson.