



Mary Lou Petersen

May 5, 1932 - September 5, 2013

Mary Lou Petersen, age 81, of Storm Lake, Iowa died September 5, 2013 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. Mary Lou Lessmier was born May 5, 1932 in Storm Lake, Iowa the daughter of Fredrick and Ruth (Sliefert) Lessmier. Growing up, she attended school in Storm Lake where she later graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1950. Mary met her husband, Carl Petersen Jr., through mutual friends. After a year of dating, the two were united in marriage on September 28, 1952 at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with two sons: Jerry and Terry. Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. She was very active in the community where she served as a Cub Scout Leader, PTA and a homeroom volunteer. She was also a member of the firemen wives group, Ladies Sparklers. In her spare time, she enjoyed volunteering at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Mary enjoyed her continued friendship with her associates from JcPenny. She also liked spending time at Senior Citizens conversing, having meals and playing cards. Mary treasured the time she spent with her family and friends. She loved her pets and was a passionate animal lover. When she was not spending time with her loved ones, you could find her traveling or enjoying crafts. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Dr. Jerry (Sondra) Petersen of Cedar Falls, Iowa; granddaughter, Kellie Petersen of Cedar Falls, Iowa; brother, Lael "Bud" Lessmier of Storm Lake, Iowa; extended family and friends. Mary was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband, Carl Petersen Jr.; her son, Terry Petersen;
brother, Frank Lessmier; and sister, Dona Reng.