

JoAnn B. Molde April 01, 1927 - June 02, 2018

JoAnn Bernette (Durby) Molde was born April 1, 1927, the only child of Barney and Clara (Hoversten) Durby. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Bethany Life in Story City with her husband of 70 years by her side.

JoAnn grew up on the family farm southwest of Roland, graduated from Roland High School and attended Waldorf College for one year before rheumatic fever caused her to return home. She married Kermit Molde on July 27, 1947 and they had three children, Roger (Chris), Dean (Marianne) and Judy Stauffer (Brad); and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Justin.

Early in their marriage both Kermit and JoAnn worked for the Marshall Canning Company. JoAnn then worked at the Roland Bank for several years before taking a position with Central Iowa Mutual Insurance Company, from where she retired. She kept very active in retirement as a member of Wa-Tan-Ye (now Friends N Service), the Legion Auxiliary, and even worked part-time as the Salem Church secretary. JoAnn also loved to play cards, belonging to a couples 500 club for many years, and a ladies canasta club later in life of which she commented, "I think we laugh more than we actually play cards!"

JoAnn was known for her adventurous spirit, laughter and resilience.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for JoAnn's family will be Tuesday, June 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Bethany Life in Story City. Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, Roland.

Memorials may be sent to Salem Lutheran Church.

Soderstrum Funeral Home in Story City is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences and photos may be shared at www.soderstrumfuneralhome.com © 2018 Soderstrum Reimers Inc.



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