

Janet Wilson

December 26, 1933 - September 11, 2017

From: Des Moines, IA

Janet Lee Wilson, age 83, of Des Moines, died Monday, September 11, 2017, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 15, 2017, at Ryan Funeral Home in Nevada, with burial to follow in the Colo Cemetery. Memorial visitation will be held one hour prior to services.

Janet was born in Ames, Iowa, on December 26, 1933, to Mark E. and Helen (Hunt) Wilson of Colo. She graduated from Colo High School and earned degrees in political science from Simpson College and Columbia University. Later she received a law degree from the University of Denver and was admitted to the bar in Colorado, Nevada and Iowa.

Her career of forty years was devoted to legislative service work, including research, writing, bill drafting, and legal editing for nonpartisan state legislative agencies. She spent several years in Denver, Colorado, and Carson City, Nevada, before returning to Des Moines to work for the Iowa Legislative Service Bureau. She was an associate editor in the Iowa Code Office at the time of her retirement in 1998.

Janet enjoyed music and sang in church choirs for most of her adult life. Following retirement she participated in numerous Elderhostel programs and other travel adventures. She was a member of AAUW and remained active in book review and discussion groups and Ray Society classes. She belonged to Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by cousins in Iowa, Colorado and other states.

Ryan Funeral Home of Nevada has been entrusted with the care of Janet and her family.