

Margaret J. Kennedy (DeCamp)

Margaret Kennedy passed away on May 4, 2010 from a brief illness, in Des Moines, Iowa. She was 75 years old. She is survived by her husband, Clayton, of Des Moines; her son, David, and only grandson, Evan, of Portland, Oregon; her twin brother, Bill DeCamp, of Palmyra, New York; sisters, Connie Gilbert of Jacksonville, Florida, Julie DeCamp of Van Nuys, California, Christine DeCamp of Haverhill, Massachusetts; and brother, James DeCamp, of Geneseo, New York. Margaret DeCamp was born in Mt. Morris New York, and later moved to Geneseo. She was the eldest daughter of six children of William and Dorothy DeCamp. She graduated Geneseo High School in 1953 and traveled throughout Europe that summer. She attended the Pennsylvania State University and after graduating moved to Long Beach, California. A visit to Des Moines, Iowa, to help her sister Connie with her firstborn, Marcea Clark Tetamore, now of Geneseo, resulted in a chance meeting with Clayton Kennedy, and they fell in love. After marrying in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Geneseo in 1964, the couple settled in Des Moines, where Clayton was a school teacher and Margaret worked briefly as medical secretary before staying home full-time to raise their only son, David. Margaret was a kind, loving, and gentle soul who was always willing to lend a hand. She enjoyed gardening and reading and enjoyed returning to Geneseo with Clayton and David every summer to be with family. Her passion for life, gentle demeanor, sense of humor and spirited (sometimes feisty!) personality will be missed and fondly remembered. A celebration of life service will be held at Westkirk Presbyterian Church at 2700 Colby Woods Drive in Urbandale, Iowa, on Friday, June 4, 2010. at 11:00 am.