

Patricia Jean Tjelmeland

December 12, 2001

Jan. 23, 1930, to Dec. 2, 2001

Patricia Jean Tjelmeland, 71, of Marshalltown, died Dec. 2, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center of a stroke.

She was born Jan. 23, 1930, in Marshalltown to James and Evelyn (Garrington) Ditzler. She received her education in Marshalltown and later got a license as a real estate agent. She married Clifford Tjelmeland on March 25, 1950, at the Friends of Quaker Church in Marshalltown. She was a homemaker most of her life, but was also an ordained minister and a real estate agent with Dick Richardson Agency in Ankeny.

Survivors include her husband of Marshalltown; three sons, James Tjelmeland of Honduras, Scott Tjelmeland of Waterloo and Danny Tjelmeland of St. Charles, La.; two daughters, Gerry Ann Jones of Williamsburg and Lori Dale of Ames; and 18 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson.

Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at New Hope Christian Church in Marshalltown with the Rev. Kerry Jech, the Rev. Don Glazier and the Rev. Jim Hartman officiating. Burial is in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. A memorial fund has been established. Harrison-Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama handled arrangements.

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