

Howell, Opal Kloppenborg

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OPAL HOWELL

Collins



Opal O. Howell, 53, of Collins died of colon cancer Thursday at home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada, with burial at Mount Zion Cemetery near Maxwell.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to her church, Mount Zion Cemetery or Collins City Park.

Mrs. Howell was born in Clyde and had lived in Story and Polk counties all her life. She was an administrative assistant with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and a member of Loring United Methodist Church and Freeland Carver Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed flowers, quilting and teaching Sunday school.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry; a son, Charles Shawn of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Kammy Lynn Moore and Stacy Rozina Emery, both of Des Moines; her mother, Olive Kloppenborg of Marshalltown; a brother Larry Kloppenborg of Marshalltown; five sisters, Peggy Lester and Mytle Lester, both of Colfax, Elaine Stucky of Collins, Nancy Diggins of Marshalltown and Casey Schuler of Laurel; and eight grandchildren.

Opal O. Howell, 53

Opal O. Howell, 53 of Collins died of colon cancer in the liver on Thursday, Jan. 13 at her home in Collins. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada with Pastors Penny Hansel and Manzel Berlin officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in rural Maxwell.

Opal was born October 9, 1946 in Clyde Iowa to Nason and Olive H. (Swalwell) Kloppenborg. She was a 1965 graduate of Collins High School. Opal married Jerry Howell on June 20, 1965 at the Methodist Church in Santiago. She was employed as an administrative assistant for 25 years at the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Opal was a member of the Loring United Methodist Church and Freeland Carve Legion Auxiliary and enjoyed flowers, quilting and teaching Sunday School. She had been a Story and Polk county resident all of her life.

Opal is survived by her husband, Jerry of Collins; one son, Charles Shawn Howell and his

wife, Marla of Oklahoma City, OK; two daughters, Kammy Lynn Moore and her husband Jeff; Stacy Rozina Emery and her husband Gene, all of Des Moines; eight grandchildren, Anne, Aaron, Emilie and Katie Howell, Robyn and Brandon McCreery, Kyle Michael and Meghan Moore; her mother, Olive Kloppenborg of Marshalltown; a brother, Larry Kloppenborg of Marshalltown; five sisters, Peggy Lester and Myrtle Lester, both of Colfax, Elaine Stucky of Collins, Nancy Diggins of Marshalltown and Casey (Kay) Schuler of Laurel.

Opal is preceded in death by her father, Nason Kloppenborg on June 25, 1994, a son, Kyle Lee Howell on October 23, 1993, and a brother, John H. Kloppenborg on April 7, 1996.

Visitation was held Friday, Jan. 14 with the family present at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada.

A memorial fund has been established in Opal's name for the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Loring United Methodist Church and the Collins City Park for trees and flowers.