

Joann Digging Thompson, 75, formerly of Melbourne

Joann passed away Friday, March 9 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at Westover Funeral Home in Des Moines.

Joann was born November 11, 1931 in State Center. She was raised and educated in Melbourne. She played Girls' Basketball and participated in other school activities. Following her 1950 graduation, Joann entered Milwaukee Downer and majored in business. She returned to Iowa and in Des Moines, was employed as business manager at a dental supply company. In 1953, she married Talmage Thompson and had a son, Michael Lee. They were divorced in 1972. During the '70's, Joann served as Executive Chef at a major Des Moines based meat packing company and later as a dispatcher for a major trucking company.

Joann is survived by her son Michael Thompson of Saylorville; her sister, Dorothy Clemons of Ankeny; newphew, David Coy of Ankeny; niece Jan McCann of Chicago and niece Linda Locke, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her father, mother and brother. Her family request any memorials go to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.