

Norma Jean Horner, age 89, of the Hearthstone Memory Care Unit at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone, and formerly of Colo and Ames, died August 9, 2013, at the Hearthstone Memory Care Unit. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Star Masonic Home Chapel in Boone. Following the service, her body will be cremated and a private family graveside service and burial of her cremains will be at the Colo Cemetery in Colo. Friends may call at Schroeder Memorial Chapel at Sixth and Marshall in Boone on Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. where the family will be present from 5 to 7 p.m. Visitation resumes on Tuesday at the Eastern Star Chapel from 1 p.m. to service time. Norma was born in Ames, Iowa, on January 31, 1924, the daughter of Emory and Neva (Schuler) Rogers. She graduated from Colo High School in 1943 and then graduated from Nebraska Radio and Telegraph School in Omaha, also in 1943. Norma then worked as a teletype operator for the War Department of the Army Air Forces and Air Technical Service Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Fairfield, Ohio, and she worked as a typist at Reuben H. Donnelley in Nevada, prior to her marriage. On June 26, 1949, Norma married LaVern Franklin Horner in Colo. Norma lived the majority of her life on the couple's farm in Colo where she helped her husband farm until the couple retired. In 1991, the couple moved to Ames and spent their winters in Mesa, Arizona. From 2003 to 2010, Norma lived at the Waterford at Ames assisted living, moving to the Hearthstone Memory Care Unit in 2010. She was a 50 year-plus member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and also was a member of the Clover Leaf Club, the WSCS (now the United Methodist Women), the Ames United Methodist Church, and prior to moving to Ames, she was a member of the Colo United Methodist Church. Norma enjoyed gardening, square dancing, bowling, playing cards, and spending time with her daughters and grandsons. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, husband LaVern in 2004, and a brother-in-law Gerald Weuve. She is survived by two daughters, Donna Banker of Ames and Barbara Maley and husband Peter of Ankeny; two grandsons Benjamin Banker of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Brian Banker of Houston, Texas; and a sister Betty Weuve of Austin, Texas. In memory of Norma, memorials may be directed to the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone or the Alzheimer's Disease Research.