



## Marlene Joyce Fitzsimmons

September 28, 1935 - October 16, 2022

Marlene Joyce Fitzsimmons, age 87, of Indianola, IA, formerly of Albia, passed away on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at The Village in Indianola.

Marlene was born on September 28, 1935, at home in Mahaska County to Frank Leonard and Nellie (Trinkle) Hugen. She grew up attending school in Bussey and graduated from high school there. On November 1, 1956, she was united in marriage to Donald Fitzsimmons. Marlene and Don were blessed with three children, Jerry, Joy, and Jill, and shared nearly 66 years of marriage prior to Marlene's passing.

Marlene was a hard worker, helping Don with the daily chores of the farm. She also worked at Chicago Rivet in Albia and later at Herbergers in Ottumwa. She was very generous and kind and volunteered her time with hospice. She would do anything for anyone, especially her grandkids. She enjoyed sports, especially watching her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading, word puzzles and playing card games. Marlene's greatest joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Donald Fitzsimmons of Indianola; 3 children, Jerry (Pam) Fitzsimmons of Pella, IA, Joy (Devin) Mock of Grapevine, TX, and Jill (Greg) Carpenter of Indianola, IA; 7 grandchildren, Ryan, Mackenzie, Nash, Kayla, Cory, Cassie and Keagan; and a brother,

Randy Hugen. Marlene is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Nellie Hugen; 8 brothers, Larry, Charles, Marvin, Lyle, Richard, Junior, Johnny, and Denny; and 2 sisters, Verda Pettyjohn and Esther Courtney.

Per Marlene's wishes, her body has been cremated and no services are planned at this time.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

