

Jeanette I. Riley

Jeanette Isabell Riley (Kearnes) age 86, of Missouri Valley, Iowa passed from this life on Sunday, November 11, 2018 in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Jeanette was born February 6, 1932 in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Leonard and Elizabeth (Vahler) Kearnes. She was raised on a farm along with her brother Leonard and two sisters Harriet (McMurray) and Bonnie (Hiatt). From a young age, she had a great love of animals that she would demonstrate again and again through her long life. She dropped out of high school to help with family finances but as an adult returned to classes to achieve her high school diploma. Jeanette met and married John Riley in 1956 and they remained united in love for the remaining 62 years of her life. Jeanette and John had four children: Betty (Coddington), Cynthia, Scott, and Victoria (Allmon). Together, the family moved to Norco, California in 1962 and Jeanette took a job at the First National Bank of Orange County, California where she remained until the family returned to Missouri Valley, Iowa in 1972 so that Jeanette could help to care for her mother. While raising her children, Jeanette took various jobs until she settled in as the ADA representative for Greyhound Bus Lines in Omaha, Nebraska, retiring at age 71.

In retirement, Jeanette returned to her love of animals by occupying much of her time and effort to helping furry friends find forever homes through the founding of the Harrison County Humane Society. Her passion for the rescue was infectious and involved her husband (frequently known as Mrs. and Santa Paws) and children and grandchildren. Jeanette passionately loved her family and friends (both furry and not). Jeanette will be missed.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and her sister (Harriet).

Survivors include her husband John, her sister Bonnie, her

children (Betty, Cynthia, Scott, Victoria), nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday 11:00 a.m. until time of service at Hennessey Funeral Home in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be directed to the Harrison County Humane Society.

In Loving Memory Of

Jeanette Isabell Riley

Born

February 6, 1932
Iowa

Council Bluffs,

Entered Into Rest

November 11, 2018

Missouri Valley, Iowa

Memorial Service

12:00 p.m. Friday, November 16, 2018

Hennessey Funeral Home

Missouri Valley, Iowa

Officiating

Pastor Connie McWilliams

Musical Selections

“Circle Be Unbroken”

“Amazing Grace”

Final Resting Place

Magnolia Cemetery

Magnolia, Iowa