

## Rosemary Riggs, 80

Sept. 18, 1930 - Oct. 16, 2010

**ATLANTIC** — Funeral services for Rosemary "Rosie" Riggs of Atlantic were held Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Atlantic. Visitation with the family was from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at the Fellowship Hall in the First United Methodist Church in Atlantic. A burial inurnment ceremony will be held at a later date.

Rosemary Graham Riggs was born to Harry S. Graham and Gertrude Lola Graham in Lewis, on September 18, 1930. She passed away after a short illness in Atlantic, on October 16, 2010 at the age of 80 years, 28 days.



Rosemary was united in marriage to Ralph Victor Riggs on September 20, 1952 at Fletcher Chapel and farmed for 40 years on the family farms. Three children were born to this union. She was raised in Red Oak, and in 1943 the family moved to Anaheim, CA. In 1945 the family moved back to Red Oak. Rosie was a great swimmer, and was named Little Miss Mermaid of S.W. Iowa. Rosie graduated from Red Oak High School in 1948. She attended business school in Omaha and worked for Swift & Co. Later in life, Rosie owned The Diet Center in Red Oak and was a Red Cross swimming director in Griswold and Camp Wakonda. She also worked at Tanner's in Atlantic. Rosie was a member of Fletcher Chapel Methodist Church and then the First United Methodist Church in Atlantic. Throughout Rosie's life she had many joys. She was a very talented artist and loved working with her hands. She loved to knit sweaters, afghans, scarves and hats for her family. She enjoyed turning pottery and owned her own kiln through the 70's. She also took up macramé, oil painting and played the piano. Rosie enjoyed golfing and bowling with friends and family. She liked to work the crossword puzzle in the daily paper and was an avid reader. Throughout Rosie's life she was active in the Atlantic community: Hospital Auxiliary member, Ideal Neighborhood Club, Nishna Hills and NVRA golf course member, the Red Hat Society and traveling with the Cass County Cow Bells.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Raymond and Oscar "Joe" and their wives and brother-in-law Robert Riggs. She is survived by her husband Ralph Riggs of Atlantic; sister Eloise Brower of Red Oak; son Mike Riggs and wife Lisa of Elk Horn; daughter Pat Hemminger and husband Dale of Harlan; son Jeff Riggs and wife Jayne of Olathe, KS; 7 grandchildren: Megan, Katrina, Cori, Reid, Ross, Lauren and Joanna and two great grandchildren: Lucas and Leigha; sister-in-law Joyce Riggs, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. May God bless her memory and give strength to those who mourn.