

GRAN, JoAnn Blondine

August 5, 1935  
Freeman  
February 24, 2004  
Viborg

Viborg Enterprise  
March 4, 2004

### JoAnn Blondine Gran

JoAnn Blondine Gran was born August 5, 1935 at Freeman. Her parents were Joseph and Olga (Pederson) Gran.

She grew up and lived on the farm where she was born until 1954 when she moved to Irene with her family. She lived and took care of her parents until their death. She moved to the Wakonda Heritage Manor in January of 2002. She was an avid collector and cut from the newspapers all wedding announcements of friends and family and remembered them all. She also enjoyed collecting bride dolls and jewelry.

Surrounded by her loving family, JoAnn passed away on February 24, 2004 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg. She had attained the age of 68.

She was preceeded in death by her parents and her brother, Jim.

JoAnn is survived by her daughter, Deb McConniel of Marysville, WA; three grandchildren: Angela, Neil and Shawn;

three great-grandchildren: Mason, Jesseca and Noah; a brother, John (Mary) of Mission, TX; two sisters: Dorothy (Larry) Schenk and Shelley Amato, both of Irene; a sister-in-law, Norma Gran of Irene; cherished friends Albert Brue and Anna Marie Larsen; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Friday, February 27, 2004 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene with Pastor Mindy Ehrke and Pastor Larry Parvin officiating. The organist was Laurie Hanson and special music was provided by Terri Madsen. Bernice Stevens sat at the register book.

Pallbearers were Daron Schenk, Danny Schenk, Lonnie Schenk, Galen Gran, Derek Amato, Dino Amato, Shawn McConniel, Angela Strand, Neil Mellem, Rick Schlapkohl, Mark Schlapkohl, Carla Hosie and Brenda Auen.

Internment was held at Bang Cemetery, rural Freeman.

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