Joanne E. Lanik, 66, of Winona passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, in the hospice at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wis., with her beloved husband and daughter by her side. She was born in Rushford, Minn., on July 25, 1946, to Ervin and Josephine Kleist. Joanne graduated from Rushford High School in 1964 and then obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Winona State College in 1968. A dedicated employee, she worked for Winona State University as the accounting director for 32 years until she chose early retirement in May 2008.

Joanne married Kenneth C. Lanik on Jan. 11, 1969, in Rushford. They lived in Minneapolis until 1976, when they made their home in Winona. Joanne was a woman who appreciated living life to the fullest, greatly enjoying good food and even better wine over long dinners with friends and family. She was an enthusiastic patron of the arts, volunteering for the Winona Beethoven Festival and proudly supporting the creative endeavors of her daughter and son-in-law. She loved to travel and visited many interesting parts of the world; her favorite being France, where she and Ken have many close friends. Most of all, Joanne loved being a grandma, and she played an important and active role in the lives of her family and her grandchildren.

Joanne will be greatly missed by her devoted husband of 43 years, Ken; her beloved daughter, Emily, and her husband, Charlie Parr; her grandchildren, Elijah and Talulah; her brothers, Henry (Ruth) Kleist, Arthur (Eline) Kleist, John (Marilyn) Kleist and Arnold (Nancy) Kleist; her sister, Mary Kleist; and many more relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Josephine Kleist.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home, 1476 West Broadway.

Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Winona. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.