Daria Oliver Martin

Daria Oliver Martin, 59, a former resident of Grinnell living in Marshalltown, died Sunday, Nov. 24, at her home of cancer.

Funeral services for Daria Martin will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach, pastor of Grace Community Church in Grinnell, officiating.

Pallbearers will be Terry Berger, Gary, Kevin, Michael and Steve Cox; Dave Crawford; James McNurlin; and Eric Wilderdyke.

Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home; family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The daughter of Floyd A. and Elizabeth Jane Koon Cox, she was born April 16, 1943, in Grinnell. She was raised in the Rock Creek Lake area and was a 1961 grad of Grinnell High School.

She married Arthur Eugene Oliver in 1961 in Grinnell. She made her home here and was employed at Friendship Manor Care Center.

She moved to Marshalltown in 1983, working at Villa Del Sol Nursing Home and, later, the Iowa Veterans Home as a nurse’s aid. She was a member of the Grace Community Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Sherri Rocha of Garland, Texas; a son, Brian Oliver of Grinnell; four brothers, Doyle Cox of Springfield, Mo., Everett Cox of Kellogg, Bill Cox of Blue Springs, Mo., and Don Cox of Toledo; two sisters, Carol Kinney of Garland, Texas, and Janet Wilderdyke of Woodbine; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Thomas Oliver; one brother, Larry Cox; and one sister, Lois Berger.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grace Community Church in Grinnell. H-R 11-25-2002