Nancy L. Shepard, 46

Nancy L. Shepard, 46, of Searsboro, passed away Tuesday, June 17, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center at Grinnell.

Her funeral service was Friday, June 20, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. H. Burr Bryant of the United Methodist Church in Montezuma officiating. Interment was at West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro.

Casket bearers were Mark Norman, R.C. James, Merlin Vander Krol, Marlene Bryan, Sue Rooda and Kyle Arthur.

Honorary casket bearers were Rex Arthur and Sherry Arthur.

Nancy was born Jan. 24, 1957, at Grinnell, the daughter of Louis and Colleen Sharp Benson. On Aug. 9, 1974, she was united in marriage with Jack Shepard in Montezuma. To this union, two sons, Jeremy and Jason, were born. Nancy was a longtime resident of Searsboro and was employed for 29 years at Montezuma Manufacturing. Nancy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, riding and breaking horses, spending time outside in the garden, and four-wheeling. She was always working or keeping herself occupied and, if you told her it couldn't be done, you'd hear her famous words, "Watch me." She was a very strong, courageous and outdoorsy woman. When it came to her horses, she was a member of the Quarter Horse Association, Can Chasers and the Iowa Barrel Racing Association. Nancy also enjoyed trail riding and breaking horses.

Those left to honor her memory are her mother, Colleen Benson of Kellogg; her husband, Jack, of Searsboro; children Jeremy (and Andrea) Shepard and Jason (and Amanda) Shepard, all of Searsboro; two grandchildren, Michael and Asleigh; three sisters, Kathy Merten of Monroe; Joyce Gabriel of Winniwood, Okla., and Lisa Richardson of Kellogg; three brothers, Bruce Benson of Rock Creek; Danny Benson and Benny Benson, both of Kellogg; several nieces and nephews and other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Benson.

Memorials may be made in Nancy’s name in care of Jack Shepard.