Marian Kifer

Marian Kifer, 70, of Grinnell died Oct. 24, 2009, at the Mayflower Community Health Center in Grinnell. A private memorial celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Marian was born June 14, 1939, in WaKenney, Kan., the daughter of Kenneth and Bulah Lang and attended WaKenney High School. Marian lived in various cities in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa before moving to Grinnell in 1989. She worked in the restaurant industry as both a cook and restaurant manager. Her last position was at the Star Inn in Victor.

On Dec. 3, 1966, she married Terry Kifer. She loved to read, enjoyed country music, and had a passion for debate — whether about politics, religion or current events. She enjoyed basketball, cooking and most of all spending time with her family. She also took pleasure in collecting frogs and wolves.

Survivors include two daughters, Terri Jacobs and Crystal Wray; three sons, Travis Kifer, Butch Hanks, and Kenneth Hanks; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son Troy Kifer; her daughter, Connie Hanks; her husband, Terry Kifer; her father, Kenneth Lang; and one great-grandson.

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