Nedra Ann Strawn, 53, of Gilman, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at Iowa River Hospice in Marshalltown after a three-year battle with pulmonary hypertension.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Visitation with family members present will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Iowa River Hospice House in Marshalltown.

She was born Oct. 1, 1956, in Grinnell, the daughter of Brad and Ruth Russell Jones. She was a 1975 graduate of Grinnell High School, then attended Des Moines Area Community College. As a high school student she had worked part-time at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

She was united in marriage with Mike Goodin in 1978 at First Baptist Church in Grinnell. On Sept. 25, 1989, she was united in marriage with Mike Strawn in Gilman. She was employed for 27 years at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center, and for three years at the Iowa Veterans Home and McFarland Clinic, both in Marshalltown, retiring on April 19, 2007.

She was a member of the Gilman PreSchool board of directors; East Marshall Booster Club; Gilman Energistics; Marshall County Extension Board and Gilman and Grinnell United Churches of Christ-Congregational.

She was devoted to promoting the awareness of and a search for a cure for pulmonary hypertension.

She is survived by her husband Mike of Gilman; her parents Brad and Ruth Jones of Grinnell; two daughters Brianne Goodin and Katie Strawn, both of Gilman; one step-son, Matt Strawn of Cedar Rapids; one sister, Michelle Jones McLeod of Cedar Rapids and one brother, Scott Jones of Minneapolis, Minn. \[R 7-1-10\]
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