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She was united in marriage with Brian Kelm on Jan. 18, 1981, in Swansboro, N.C. In 1982 they moved to Grinnell where she raised her family. She had been employed at Country Inn and EPC Plastics in Grinnell. In 2008 she became employed as assistant manager at Casey’s General Store in Grinnell, retiring earlier this year because of health reasons.

She was a member of the Cooking Club of America and National Wildlife Federation.

She is survived by two daughters, Jessica Smith and Jennifer Briseno, both of Conway, Ark.; two sons, Paul Kelm and William Jeremy Hasting, both of Grinnell; one granddaughter; one sister, Sandy Barnard of Conway, Ark.; three brothers, Randy Hasting of Gulf Shores, Ala., Lewis Sweeney of North Carolina, and David Sweeney of San Jose, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John James Sweeney and one sister Sandra Sweeney.
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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Gayle Ann Hasting Memorial Fund.

Gayle was born March 19, 1960, in Chattanooga, Tenn., the daughter of Paul and Dolores Marlow Hasting. She was raised in Waynetown, Mich., and attended school there. Following her education, she moved to North Carolina.

On Jan. 15, 1981, she was united in marriage to Brian Kelm, in Swansboro, N.C. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1982; where she raised her family. She later was employed at the Country Inn and EPC Plastics in Grinnell. In 2008, she was employed as assistant manager at Casey's General Store in Grinnell and retired earlier this year due to health reasons.

She was a member of the Cooking Club of America and National Wildlife Federation. She enjoyed arts and crafts including crocheting and oil painting. She was an avid reader and held a passion for fishing. She loved spending time with her family and held a wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include two daughters, Jessica Smith and Jennifer Briscoe, both of Conway, Ark.; two sons, Paul Kelm and William Jeremy Hasting, both of Grinnell; one granddaughter, Mercedes Smith of Conway, Ark.; one sister, Sandy (Stevie) Barnard of Conway, Ark.; three brothers, Randy (Brenda) Hasting of Gulf Shores, Ala., Lewis Sweeney of N.C., and David Sweeney of San Jose, Calif.; and many other relatives including three cousins, Debbie (Jimmie) Garrett of Shawboro, N.C., JoAnn (Terry) Smith of Ft. Payne, Ala., and Kim Watson of Gadsden, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John James Sweeney; one sister, Sandra Sweeney; and a cousin, Charles Hasting.