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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Melinda Kay Abernathey Memorial Fund.

Kay was born Jan. 31, 1959, in Grinnell, the daughter of Delores May Clubb. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1977 graduate of Grinnell High School.

After her education, she began her career at Grinnell Mutual Re-Insurance Company, most recently as a business analyst. She was devoted to her work, and also to her grandchildren. She enjoyed sewing, drawing, arts and crafts, shopping, travel, and camping. She also loved collecting horse figurines and pictures, and was active for several years playing volleyball and bowling.

Survivors include two daughters, Stacy Bullock of Hebron, Ill. and Ashley Lakose of Grinnell; her best friend, Bill Abernathey of Waterloo; four grandchildren; five sisters, Cindy Downs of Montour, Pam Mott of Iowa Falls, Jo Carlton of Alexander, Kim Johnson of Grinnell and Kris Sieck of Grinnell; one brother, Richard Clubb of Cedar Rapids; and her two dogs, Kasey and Maggie.

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Visitation will be held from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday evening.

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Kay was a very caring person and enjoyed doing things for others. She loved her grandchildren and sharing her time with them. She enjoyed sewing, drawing, arts and crafts, shopping, and camping, particularly at Rock Creek Lake and Diamond Lake. She loved traveling and put in a lot of miles traveling throughout the southeast and southwest part of the country. She also loved collecting horse figurines and pictures. She was active for several years playing volleyball and bowling.

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