Kathy D. Purvis, 58, of Harvest, Ala., and formerly of Grinnell and Kellogg, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at the Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Tim Morgan of Kellogg United Methodist Church presiding. The family will greet friends with a coffee time at the funeral home following the memorial service. Burial will be in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo., at a later date.

Memorials to the Madison United Methodist Church in Madison, Ala., to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association may be left at the funeral home.

She was born in Grinnell on April 2, 1953, to Floyd L. and Maxine McBroome Purvis. She graduated from Newton High School in 1971, and married Stephen D. Foster in Kellogg on Dec. 18 that same year.

She has lived in the Huntsville area in Alabama since 1997, where she was a parts manager for Southeastern Business Machines and a homemaker. She was an active member of the Madison United Methodist Church of Madison, Ala., where she was on the administrative council, a part of the Friendly Faces Lead, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the United Methodist Women. In addition to her family and her church family, her interests included hiking and collecting Hummels.

She is survived by her parents; her husband Steve; one son, Jason Foster of St. Ann, Mo., and one daughter, Jennifer Wisdom of O'Fallon, Mo.; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Pam Gibson and Denise Sedlock, both of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, and her sister Judith "Judy" Foster in 1999.