

Debra K. Sears



Debra K. Sears, 59, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 9, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with Rev. Christine Tinker, chaplain of the Mayflower Community, officiating. Organist will be William Tinker. Casket bearers will be Bill Ford, Jeremiah Grell, Jacob Sears, Todd Sears, Tracy Stevenson and Tyson Stevenson. Interment will be at the Chester Cemetery, north of Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Sunday and the Sears family will be present from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Debra was born Nov. 3, 1952, in Cherokee, to Reynold and Bette Gerhts Grell. She was raised on a farm near Cushing and later moved to Grinnell with her family. The family moved to Columbus, Neb., and she graduated from Columbus High School with the Class of 1970. Following her education she returned to Grinnell and began a 32-year career at General Telephone Company of the Midwest. She was a member of the sales team with General Telephone Company. Prior to her retirement in 2001 she worked briefly for the Maytag Company.

Debra enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and spending time with family and friends. She especially enjoyed watching classical movies.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Sears of Grinnell; two sons, Devin Sears of Edmondton, Alberta, Canada, and Derrick Sears of Grinnell; three sisters, Elaine Stevenson of Quimby, Pam Pierce of Madison, Wis., and Pat Martens of Hornick; and one brother, Mike Grell of Columbus, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents.