Carol Sue Clayton, 55, of Des Moines and formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, April 6, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral home, with the family present from 4 to 6 p.m. that evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Carol Sue Clayton Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Carol was born July 21, 1956, to Ernest “Bud” Deppe in Newton. She graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1974.

Carol enjoyed watching television and tending to her plants.

She is survived by her father, Ernest “Bud” Deppe of Grinnell; her four children, Sara Clayton of Ankeny, Jacob Clayton of Cambridge, and Tenea and Eva Fabray, both of Des Moines; and her brother Randy Deppe of Kellogg.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother Sue Marie Deppe in 2008.