Tracy was born on April 9, 1964, in Cedar Rapids, the daughter of Jerry and Claudia Howard Davis. In 1974, she moved with her family to Grinnell. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1982 where she participated in basketball and was involved in many other activities. She was also actively involved in showing horses at local and state events and was the recipient of several awards.

On Oct. 3, 1981, she was united in marriage with Jeffrey D. Smith, in Grinnell.

Tracy began working for Grinnell State Bank in 1982 and then later as an administrative assistant at Grinnell High School in 1995. During this time she also assisted her family in multiple family-owned businesses, including Grinnell Sport Shop, Keley’s restaurant in Grinnell, and the Apple Basket restaurant in Montezuma.

She was an active member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, Stephens Ministry, and Jewel Box Quilt Guild where she served as president and on various other committees. She was also a former 4-H leader. Family was a very important part of Tracy’s life. As a family, they enjoyed 4-H, cattle shows, camping, sporting events and shopping. She also enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Jeff of Grinnell; two sons, Dustin Smith of Grinnell and Tyler Smith of Norway; one granddaughter; her parents, Jerry and Claudia Davis of Grinnell; one sister, Kelly Sieck of Grinnell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Clyde and Dorothy Davis and Gilbert and Beulah Howard.
Tracy A. Smith, 48, of Grinnell, died April 21, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 27, at the Grinnell High School gymnasium with Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers were Sam Barnes, Denny Durr, Brian Gruhn, Ray Michaels, Kevin "Smiley" Miller, Tim Moorehead and Bill Tinkle.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell High School FFA, Grinnell United Methodist Church, or Jewel Box Quilt Guild.

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The Grinnell-Newburg School District will mourn the loss of one of its beloved staff members on Tuesday, April 27, when funeral services for Tracy Smith will be held in the GHS gym at 2 p.m.

Smith died suddenly Saturday, April 24th. (Obituary on page 5 of this issue.) She had cheerfully and competently served countless students, staff, parents and citizens from her desk in the GHS administrative office where she always had a smile and a solution for everyone.

Grinnell students will be dismissed just before noon tomorrow, April 27, lunch will be served in all buildings before dismissal, which will be at 11:30, in the elementary buildings, 11:45 at GHS and 11:50 at the middle school.

Smith's husband, Jeff Smith, serves as president of the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education. Doug Cameron, vice president of the school board, has volunteered to handle any duties of board president as needed for as long as Smith wishes.