Teresa L. (Sharer) Benoit, 61, of rural Laurel, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to CIRSI of Marshalltown or Diabetes Association. For condolences or questions, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Teresa and her family.

Teresa L. Sharer was born on January 17, 1952, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She was the daughter of Jack and Lucille (Merritt) Sharer. Teresa graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1970, and then attended Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo, Iowa, and graduated from the art program in 1976. She was united in marriage to Art Benoit at Central Christian Church. They shared the love of art and travel. Teresa loved to garden, fish, and enjoyed the outdoors; she also loved being a devoted aunt. Teresa had a great love for animals.

Left to cherish her memory are her brothers Jack Sharer and Michael (Susan) Sharer, all of Marshalltown; nieces and nephews Martin (Karen) Sharer of Marshalltown, Julie Sharer of Marshalltown, and Melissa (John Pieters) Sharer of rural Laurel; great-nieces and nephews Ryan of Waterloo, Katie Sharer of Marshalltown, Angelene (Dave) Fouch of Altoona, and Joel and Taylor Fouch of Altoona; and step-great-nephews Brock and Lincoln Pieters.

In death Teresa rejoins her parents Jack and Lucille, her husband Art and sister-in-law Jean Sharer.