Shirley J. Broders

Shirley J. Broders, 78, of Grinnell, died of lymphoma on Friday, August 23, 2013, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment will be at the Sheridan Cemetery near Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Monday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday.

Should friends desire, memorials in memory of Shirley may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Survivors include her two sons, Robin (Betty), Broders of rural Grinnell and Kevin (Kim) Broders of Clive; four grandchildren, Raymond and Frederick Broders and Nicholas and Michael Miller; two great grandchildren, Treden and Giovanna Miller; her foster parents; some of her siblings; and several nieces and nephews.

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