

Joanne L. Davis, 61

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Joanne L. Davis, 61, of Brooklyn, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the church, officiating. Casket Bearers were members of her family. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m., Monday, March 3, at the Jones Cemetery in rural Wayne County, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the Jones Cemetery or to the First Presbyterian Church.
The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is in charge of arrangements.

Joanne was born on April 2, 1952, in Chicago, Ill., to Edmund and Dorothy Biggest Janicke. She attended public schools in Chicago until the family moved to Centerville in the mid-1960s. She graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1969. Following high school, she attended Centerville Community College.

On Aug. 29, 1970, she was married to Mark R. Davis at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. The couple lived in Centerville and Plano until moving to Brooklyn in 1973. Mark was assigned to the Iowa State Patrol and she dedicated her life to maintaining their home and raising their children. When the children were raised she then worked outside the home in a ceramic business. She also designed greeting cards for various retailers in Central Iowa.

Joanne was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, making greeting cards and designing scrap books. Animals were also an important part of her life and she loved all of her pets. Joanne had a very strong faith in God and her goal was to instill that faith in her children's daily lives.

Those left to honor her memory are her husband, Mark Davis of Brooklyn; her children, Kimberly (Ryan) Dodd of Grinnell and Russell J. Davis of West Des Moines; her grandchildren, Preston and Gretta Dodd; her brother, Gerald (Ann) Janicke of Centerville; her niece, Cheryl (Nick) Pagliaro; and her nephew, Michael Janicke. She was preceded in death by her parents.