Marlene Kay Delk, 56, of Grinnell died Dec. 7, 2013, at her home after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Church of the Nazarene in Grinnell. Burial will be held at a later date in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Marlene Kay Delk Memorial Fund, 1203 Spencer Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Marlene was born April 13, 1956, in Mason City, the daughter of Champ and Dorothy Hoover Delk. She was raised in Grinnell and attended schools there with the class of 1974.

Marlene held various jobs in food service in Grinnell and was also employed as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant (CNA) at local nursing homes in Grinnell. She loved arts and crafts, making Christmas ornaments and painting. She enjoyed flowers, cooking and people.

Survivors include her mother, Dorothy of Grinnell; four children, Lindsey and Nick Etter and Whitney and Jessie Ruple, all of Grinnell; four brothers, Lyle Helgeland of Mason City, Dennis and Gordon Helgeland of Marshalltown and Gene Montgomery of Sylmar, Calif.; one sister, Linda Carberry of Minneapolis, Minn.; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Champ; and one son, Justin Etter Delk.