Dolly M. Pearce

Dolly M. Pearce, 63, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell. Interment will be at Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Friends Church, Westfield Cemetery Association, Special Olympics, or Quakerdale, mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Dolly was born on July 8, 1950, in Grinnell to Thomas Daryl Eames and Alice Irene (Mayo) Eames. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1968.

She was united in marriage with Robert Andrew Pearce on July 4, 1969, at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, and they had two sons: Thomas Daryl Pearce and Benjamin Daryl Pearce. They operated a dairy farm in Grinnell for over 14 years and also worked as a cook for the Grinnell School District, the Mayflower Community, Kellogg Cafe, and the Lynville Cafe. She was a member of the Grinnell Dance Club and the Grinnell Friends Church, where she taught Bible school and Sunday school. She was a substitute school bus driver for Bob at the Newton School District.

Dolly's family and her faith were her life. She devoted her life to helping and improving the lives of others. She loved being a farm wife and having the ability to be at home to raise her sons. She was a very devoted Christian who volunteered countless hours at church activities. Her enjoyments included traveling, especially to the Pearce family reunions in California, Colorado and Canada, preparing meals from the hundreds of recipes she had in her library, going to dances with Bob.

Dolly is survived by her husband of 45 years, Robert Pearce of Grinnell; two sons, William S. (Ena) Pearce of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Benjamin D. (Amanda) Pearce of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and three sisters, Darlene Callison of Blackfoot, Idaho, Nancy Whittemore of Wyndmere, N.D., and Joyce Schlosser of Omaha, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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