

Patricia Anderson

Patricia May Shipton Anderson, 77, of Grinnell, formerly of Ames, died Sunday, Nov. 20, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

A graveside service and burial was held Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Graceland Cemetery in Mitchell, S.D., with the Rev. Hank Kor, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Mitchell, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Red Cross.

Patricia May Shipton was born May 21, 1928, in Mitchell, to George W. and Cora Westerberg Shipton. She attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, where she met her husband, Clark W. Anderson. They married on July 19, 1948, in Thermopolis, Wyo. They had three children, Lynn Dee, Troy Michael, and Cassandra Jane. They suffered the loss of their two older children to Cystic Fibrosis in 1960 and 1961.

After living in South Dakota and New Mexico, they settled in Ames in the early 1960s. While in Ames, she was a homemaker and a volunteer for numerous organizations including MICA, the PTA, and American Red Cross. Her work with the Red Cross spanned from the 1960s through the 1990s, including serving on the South Dakota and Iowa boards of directors. She was also a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was employed in the toy department at Nims Sportsman's Store in Ames, and later as a pharmacy technician at the Ames Wal-Mart Store. She retired and moved to Grinnell in 1994 to be close to her family.

Survivors include one daughter, Cassie Wherry of Grinnell; one grandson, Mitchell Wheery of Grinnell; and a cousin, Roger Westerberg of Faith, S.D. She was preceded in death by her parents and two children, Lynn Dee and Troy Michael Anderson.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and Will Funeral Chapel in Mitchell handled arrangements.

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