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A funeral service for Marabeth was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. John Epperson officiated. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be directed to the John Stoddard Cancer Center.

Marabeth was born the daughter of Herman and Francine Carter Veerman on March 4, 1946, in New Sharon, Iowa. She was raised and educated in New Sharon and was a graduate with the New Sharon High School class of 1964.

Marabeth was united in marriage to Jerry Van Ersvelde on March 5, 1964, at her parents farm in rural New Sharon. The couple moved to Grinnell following their marriage, where Marabeth began her career as cook for Grinnell College for thirty-four years.

She was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and was very active in the women's bowling league and golf league at Oakland Acres. She enjoyed reading and tending to her flowers, especially her begonias and hibiscus tree.

Marabeth was very family oriented. She always looked forward to her annual trip to Adventureland in Des Moines with her granddaughter Kelsey. One of her favorite times was their family trip to Disney World in Florida in 2001.

Marabeth is survived by her husband, Jerry of Grinnell; her son, Kent Van Ersvelde and his wife, Roxanne of Newton; and her granddaughter, Kelcy Van Ersvelde of Newton.

Marabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Francine Darrah Veerman; and her brother, Phillip Veerman.



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