CEDAR FALLS - Carol Lynn Kayser, 57, of Cedar Falls, died Monday morning January 18, 2016, surrounded by her family, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born December 5, 1958 in Grinnell, Iowa, daughter of Raymond and Marie (Eversdyk) Brown. She married James Kayser and they later divorced.

She graduated from Grinnell-Newburg High School in 1977 and attended UNI. She was employed with the Cedar Falls Public Library for 37 years.

Survived by: Partner Brad Conradi of Cedar Falls; parents, Raymond and Marie Brown of Newton; two sisters, Billie (James) Bailey of Cedar Falls and Donna (Virgil Ure) Brown of Newton; a brother, Michael (Michelle Clancy) Brown of Cedar Falls; two stepsons, Adan (Alyssa) Conradi of Shell Rock and Austin Conradi of Waverly; a step grandson, Berkley Conradi; nieces and nephews: Lauren (Logan) Vander Wiel, Lucas and Leo Clancy Brown, John Scally, Stephanie Chang, Gina Scally, Jennifer Diab, Melanie Boughton, Karlie Reitano, Cori Sauer, Jessica Naulholz, Aaron Kafer, Emily Wolford, Chris Kayser, Matt Carter and Sam Carter.

Preceded in death by: maternal and paternal grandparents.

Carol enjoyed life and went out of her way to make sure those around her did, too. If Carol was in a group, there was always laughter. She loved spending time with her friends - she and her book club "sisters" enjoyed many adventures, probably enough to fill several books. The lure of the Mississippi kept Carol and Brad busy all summer with their band of friends at the West Wind, but they did find time to head to Newton, too, to enjoy tailgating at the races with Carol's sister, Donna and her husband Virgil.

The staff at the Cedar Falls Library was like a second family to Carol. It was a perfect place for Carol - books and like-minded coworkers surrounded her. With 37 years on the job, Carol was the go-to person - there was very little she couldn't remember or locate.

Carol was just a big kid at heart. She loved spending time with the children in her life. Whether it was making sure Adan and Austin got to play football or be in band, or taking Matt, Sam and Lauren on adventures in Chicago, or making sure Lucas and Leo got to see the ocean, Disneyland and Legoland - nobody enjoyed it more than Carol.

Thank you, Carol, for blessing your family and friends with 57 years of fun-filled memories - and that laugh.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, January 30, at the Cedar Falls Community Center. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the Friends of the Cedar Falls Library. Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.