Denise Ranea Hamer  


Denise Hamer, 52, passed away suddenly Sunday, July 10, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.  

Funeral service were July 14 at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in West Branch. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Denise Hamer Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.headersonbarkerfuneralhome.com. Burial was in the St. Vincent’s Cemetery, Riverside.

Denise was born July 20, 1963 in Oskaloosa, the daughter of Robert and Joyce Harris Gregson. She was a 1981 graduate of Montezuma High School. On May 1, 1993 she was united in marriage to Dean Francis Hamer in West Liberty. Denise had been employed as the Assistant to the Director in the College of Language and Literature at the University of Iowa.  

She was a dedicated wife and mother, active in her children’s and grandchildren’s activities. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and Marg budgies; she also enjoyed traveling, boating, camping, motor sports and shopping especially with her sister Diana.

Survivors include her husband Dean of West Branch, Poor children: Rachelle Hamer (35) of Tipton, Vernon John “VJ” Sanders (32) of Coralville, Alex Hamer (18) of West Branch and Caitlin Hamer (15) of West Branch. Three grandchildren Haylee, Maddox and Wyatt.  

Hamers: Robert and Joyce Gregson of Deep River, Sister Diana (Brian) Fritz of Marshalltown and their children Mariah, Maci and Brady. Brother Denis Gregson of Deep River, Mother in law; Patricia Hamer, brothers and sisters in law; Steve (Karen) Hamer, Colleen Hamer, Deb (Vergil) Mills, Terry (Charlene) Hamer, Barb (Mike) Paul, Tim (Tamara) Hamer, Robert (Bach) Hamer and Jamie Hamer. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by father in law Robert Hamer and a brother in law Tom Hamer.

She was well loved by her husband, children, grandchildren and all that knew her and will be dearly missed. May She Rest in Peace.