Joyce Marie Yocum Slater, 58, of Plattsmouth, Neb., who has family in our area, died Friday, Aug. 26, 2016, at her home.

A rosary was held Friday, Sept. 2, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, and a memorial mass was held at the same church Saturday, Sept. 3, with Father Loras K. Grell officiating. Mary Lou Salazar as lector, Pat Carroll as acolyte, and Terry Little as vocalist.

She will be interred at Sacred Heart Cemetery in St. Anthony, Iowa. Memorials may be made to the family, and a suitable charity will be chosen at a later date.

She was born Oct. 8, 1957, to William Howard and Hazel Marie Mitchell Yocum in Marshalltown. Joyce was raised and schooled in Zearing, and graduated from Colo-Nesco Senior High School. She then attended and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in human services. After graduation from ISU, she made her home in Omaha, Neb., then she later moved to Plattsmouth where she has lived ever since. Joyce worked at Hy-Vee at 51st & Center for 17 years in the bakery and worked at the Child Development Center on Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Neb., until two years ago when her health began to fail.

Joyce was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth.

She is survived by her son Nathaniel Slater, who is stationed in Italy with the U.S. Army Airborne; daughter Julie Slater of El Cajon, Calif.; father William Yocum of St. Anthony; sister Linda Nowasell of Grimmell; brother Jeff Yocum of Clemons; and several relations and many friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Yocum.