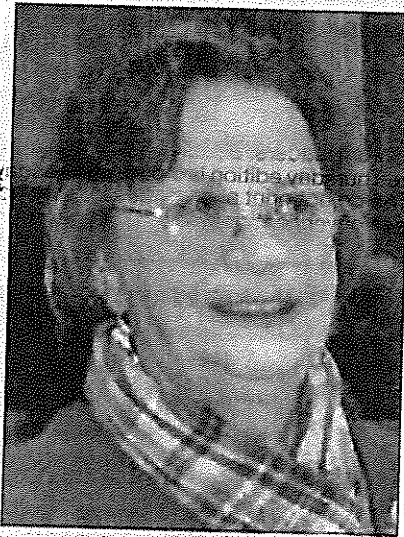


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Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and her family will greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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Betty Loti Brubaker was born the daughter of Emil Henrich William Kroeger and Alice Wilma (Berry) Kroeger on May 28, 1940, in Toledo, Iowa. She was raised and educated in Tama, Iowa.

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On January 15, 2013, Betty was united in marriage to her friend of 50 years, David Price in Marshalltown, Iowa. They lived in Gilman and Betty worked as a cook for Meskwaki Casino in Tama.

Betty's family always came first, especially her grandchildren. She loved being outdoors, whether taking rides across the country on Dennis' motorcycle or camping, fishing and gardening. She will be remembered as being driven, a hard-worker, tenacious, and a devoted wife, mother and friend to many.

Betty is survived by her husband, David Price of Gilman; daughter, Pamela (Doug) Thege of Gilman; son, William (Megan) Brubaker of Marysville, Washington; seven grandchildren, Tim (Andrea) McGerr of Marshalltown, Angela (Randy) Denham of Gilman, Kelsey Brubaker of Seattle, Wa., Elliot Brubaker of Bellingham Wa., Grayson Brubaker of Marysville, Wa., and Kaitlyn McDonald and JJ McDonald of Guernsey; seven great grandchildren, Gavin McGerr, Cassandra McGerr, and Ethan McGerr all of Marshalltown, and Sebastian Denham, Zachary Denham, Adalyn Denham, and Kameron Denham all of Gilman; and her siblings, Shirley Taylor of Toledo, Francis "Butch" Kroeger of Toledo, and Phyllis Dauma of Blair, Nebraska.

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