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Inurnment will be at a later date at the Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Jeannie Hunter Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Jeannie was born on May 27, 1957, in Grinnell, to Dale and Pauline Clayton Phipps. She was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools. Jeannie was a member of the Class of 1975.

On April 16, 1977, she married Bruce Benson and they had two daughters. The couple lived in the Rock Creek area. Jeannie was employed by the Donaldson Company and Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

On Sept. 10, 2003, she married Robert Hunter in Searsboro. Jeannie and Bob made their home in Searsboro, where she was a member of the Friends Church and the city council. Prior to her illness, she worked as a press operator for Moneteezsa Manufacturing Company.

Jeannie was a member of the Kellogg American Legion Auxiliary and she enjoyed raising chickens, socializing with family and friends over a cup of coffee, maintaining her garden and baking cookies. She enjoyed her neighborhood card games and her relationship with her pet dog, Lizzie.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Hunter of Searsboro; her two daughters, Julie Luceayye and Becky Benson, both of Grinnell; five grandchildren; two brothers, Dale Phipps Jr. and Charles Phipps, both of Grinnell; and one sister, Delores "Dolly" Kinzebach of Barnes City.

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