Katherine Lucille Miller 9-31-2017

Katherine Lucille Miller, 64, of Gilman, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Hospital in the care of hospice.

Funeral services for Katherine will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Visitation was scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., also at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the family for designation at a later time. For more information or to send a condolence, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-1234. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Katherine and her family.

Katherine Buffington was born on July 22, 1953, at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, California, to Donnie Dean and Lucille Brown Buffington. She graduated from SEMCO High School in 1971. On August 7, 1971, Katherine was united in marriage to Willis Miller at Laurel United Methodist Church and to this union Stacy Ann and Chanda Lynn were born. Katherine had worked at DeLong Jacket Factory for several years but had to quit in 1993 when her health declined. She received a liver transplant 23 years ago on June 2, 1994. Katherine enjoyed shopping, going on family outings and loved watching her grandchildren's activities.

Katherine is survived by her husband of 46 years, Willis, and their dog, Willo. Children: Stacy Ann (Eric Funke) Pfantz of Le Grand and Chanda Lynn (Jerome) Kline of Brooklyn. Grandchildren: Zachary Pfantz, Alex Kline, Logan Pfantz, Whitney Kline, Morgan Kline and Preston Kline. She is also survived by her mother Lucille Buffington and siblings, Douglas (Kristi Howard) Buffington of Laurel, Deborah (Gary Lippard) White of Marshalltown and Paula (Don) Allen of Eldora, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

Katherine is preceded in death by her father Donnie and her grandparents.