

## Bonita Bortell



Bonita (Bonnie) Bortell, 65, of Grinnell died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 19, at Grinnell Christian Church with John Epperson, pastor of the church, officiating. Casket bearers were Larry Aldridge, David Byers, Terry Collins, Mike Patterson, Larry Peebles and Pat White. Honorary bearers were members of the Grinnell Fire Department Auxiliary. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bonnie Bortell Memorial Fund.

She was born Jan. 27, 1941, in Des Moines to Marty and Ferne Mack Ward. She was raised in Des Moines and graduated from Des Moines Tech High School. She was married on July 16, 1961, in Chillicothe, Mo., to Richard Bortell. They lived in Grinnell where she worked as a matron and meter maid with the Grinnell Police Department and as a waitress at Skel Diner, Pagliai's Pizza and at the Longhorn Restaurant. For the last ten years she has been a security officer for the Department of Natural Resources at Rock Creek State Park near Grinnell.

She was a member of the Grinnell Fire Department Auxiliary, and enjoyed craft projects, camping, fishing and wintering in Texas.

She is survived by her husband Richard Bortell, her sons Neal Bortell and Roger Bortell of Grinnell and Jeff Bortell of Sioux Center; one daughter Lori Versendaal of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; one brother Dennis Ward of Des Moines and three sisters, Elaine Dooley of San Antonio, Texas, Sharon Mastin of Marshall, Mo., and Linda Dragotto of Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Bonita "Bonnie" Bortell, 65, of Gilman and formerly of Grinnell died on Sunday, April 16, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, at the Grinnell Christian Church with interment at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at noon on Tuesday; the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. that day.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Fire Department.