Pamela Robus 61, Pella

Pamela K. Robus, 61, of Pella passed away Feb. 14, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 17, at the Third Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Crisis Center and Women’s Shelter in Ottumwa or the American Cancer Society.

Pamela Kay Gaass was born on Dec. 23, 1944, to Peter George Gaass and Norma Lucille Goodell in Oskaloosa. She attended grade school at Lincoln Elementary and graduated from Pella High School with the Class of 1962.

Pam was united in marriage with Kenneth Eugene Robus on April 6, 1963, at the Second Reformed Church in Pella. To this union three children were born: Susan Kay, Deborah Anne, and Richard Scott. Pam and Kenny, as he was known, lived and farmed south of Pella until the winter of 1968 when they moved to a farm two miles southeast of Eddyville. In 1995, Pam began her college education by attending Indian Hills Community College graduating with her degree in Health Care Administration. She then furthered her college education by attending Buena Vista College, graduating in 1999 with her degree in Human Services and Business Administration. Pam worked in clinic administration for the Greater Community Hospital in Creston, the Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, and held various consulting positions with several other medical centers in Iowa. As ambitious as she was, Pam, along with long-time friend Elaine Keuning, established their own company, Premier Billing Solutions and managed it together until her health declined. Her last position was with Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines, where she served as the clinic administrator.

Those left to cherish her precious memory are her husband, Kenny, her three children and their families. They are: Susan and Douglas Winegardner of Pella, Cory, Blaise, Brock and Brandon; Deborah and Jay Sunderman of Otley, Katelyn, Jacquelyn and Andelyn; Dr. Richard and Kelly Robus of Des Moines, Ethan and Zachary.

Of her original family Pam leaves her mother, Norma L. Gaass of Pella, her two sisters, Janis and James Patton of Anthem, Arizona, Karen Gaass of Denver, Colorado, and her brother David and Dawn Gaass of Denver, Colorado. Of her husband’s family she leaves her mother-in-law, Jeanette Robus of Pella. Pam was preceded in death by her father, Peter G. Gaass, father-in-law, Norman Robus and her sister-in-law, Janice Roose.