

Connie Walton ^{614-R} 3-4-2019

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Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 28, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. A reception followed the service at the church. Interment will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Eldora, Iowa at a later date.

Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th at the Smith Funeral Home and the family received friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to St. Mary's Catholic Church, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Connie Jean Long was born on November 4, 1942, in Whitten, Iowa, to Howard Wilson Long and Johanna Marie (Dekker) Long. She was raised in Whitten and attended Union-Whitten Schools, where she excelled in softball and basketball as well as cheerleading. She graduated from Union-Whitten High School in 1960.

Connie was united in marriage to Dennis Walton at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Eldora on August 17, 1963. Dennis served in the United States Air Force and the couple lived in England from 1966 until 1969. Following Dennis' honorable discharge from the Air Force, the couple returned to Grinnell and Connie was a homemaker and later was employed at GTE and Verizon for 26 years. The couple was blessed with two sons, Derek and Darren. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell.

Connie will be remembered as an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved attending her grandchildren's activities, hosting meals and gatherings with family and friends. The couple enjoyed spending their winter months in Arizona during retirement.

Connie is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dennis Walton of Grinnell; two sons, Derek (Angie) Walton of Farmington, Minnesota, and their children, Zachary and Luke, and Darren (Stacy) Walton of Grinnell and their children, Nina and Libby; sister, Carolyn (Al) Schaffer of Mesa, Arizona; and brother, Gary (Connie) Long of Marshalltown, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents.



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