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Cindi A. Avitt



Cindi Avitt, age 46 of Grinnell, died on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Phil Culham, Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell, officiating. Honorary pallbearers are Dusty Montgomery, Landon Mackin, Laura Dickey, Kaitlin Watkins, Levi Bennington, and Lucas Bennington. A reception will follow at the Eagles in Grinnell. A private family interment will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home and her family received friends from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Cynthia Avitt Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

Cynthia Ann Fitzgerald was born the daughter of Thomas John Fitzgerald and LaVerda Lorene (Schmidt) Fitzgerald on May 17, 1973, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1991. She attended Marshalltown Community College for nursing and then La'James College of hairstyling and cosmetology in Des Moines.

Cindi was united in marriage to John Avitt on February 28, 2007, at the Grinnell Christian Church in Grinnell. She was blessed with four daughters, Kyra, Cassie, Kelsey and Josie. Cindi most recently worked at Jeld-Wen in Grinnell, but her passion in life was being a Mother and Homemaker.

Cindi's family was her life. She dearly loved her girls and enjoyed attending all of their activities, going to concerts with them, and being the fun mom that she was. Her uplifting smile could brighten anyone's day and she effortlessly put everyone else's needs in front of hers. She was known as the modern day "Betty Crocker" who made the most delicious meals no matter what she had to work with. Her enjoyments included making wine, baking, camping, gardening, and crafts. Cindi will be remembered for her kind, caring and selfless way, for always being there for others, for being an amazing, dedicated friend, and for the love of her family.

Cindi is survived by her husband, John Avitt of Grinnell; four daughters, Kyra (Landon Mackin) Freeborn of Paducah, Kentucky, Cassie Freeborn of Grinnell, Kelsey (Nick Popp) Freeborn of Grinnell, and Josie Avitt of Grinnell; her mother, LaVerda Schmidt-Fitzgerald of Grinnell; two sisters, Annette (Rod) Montgomery of Grinnell and Pam Bennington of Grinnell; nephew, Dustin Montgomery of Grinnell; niece, Kaitlin (Justin) Watkins of Sully; nephew, Levi (Shannon) Bennington of Lynnville; nephew, Lucas Bennington of Cedar Falls; two great nephews, Cameron Bennington and Bentley Watkins of Sully; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Tom Fitzgerald; paternal and maternal grandparents; and father and mother-in-law, Terrance and Etta Garrison.