

Joyce Ann Lemke

Joyce Ann Lemke, 73, formerly of Grinnell, died Nov. 15, 2019, at Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio. A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

She was born Aug. 28, 1946, to Earl and Mary Ellen Lemke. She grew up in the Grinnell area and graduated from Grinnell-Newburg Schools in 1964. She went to college in Ohio and taught in the Canton, Ohio, area, working with children, fostering some and adopting three. After retiring, she taught school teachers and wrote grants in many areas along the east coast.

She is survived by her mother; her sisters Donna Ulrey and Jane Lemke, both of Grinnell; her sister, Judy Sayre, in eastern Iowa; two children, Stephanie and Aaron; three adopted children from Texas and Ohio; six grandchildren; and other relations.

She was preceded in death by her father and brother.

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