

Shirley (Emmert) Starnes ^{614-R}
11-23-2020



Shirley (Emmert) Starnes, age 70, of Grinnell, died on Friday, November 20, 2020, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A face mask will be required for those attending the service. Live streaming of the service will begin at 1:45 p.m. on the Smith Funeral Home

and Cremation Service Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SmithFuneralHomeCremationService.

Memorials may be designated to UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Hospice and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Online condolences may be shared with Shirley's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Shirley Sue Emmert was born the daughter of Lee Edward Emmert and Mary Elizabeth (Allen) Emmert on January 3, 1950, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1968. She received her nursing degree from Marshalltown Community College.

Shirley was united in marriage to Larry Starnes in 1968 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Craig, and a daughter, Sara. They made their home in Grinnell and Shirley was a homemaker and later worked as CNA at area nursing homes. She was later employed at Meskwaki Bingo and Casino and Casey's General Store, where she made donuts and pizza. She was a member of the Newburg Chester Congregational Church.

Shirley held a strong faith and adored her family. She cherished the times when she was with her grandchildren. She held a special love for her cat, Binx. Her enjoyments were tending to her yard, going to the casinos, and taking pictures.

Shirley is survived by her children, Craig Starnes of The Dalles, Oregon, and Sara (Carlos) Badillo of Hood River, Oregon; and three grandchildren, Ryan Starnes, Emma Vega, and Natalia Vega. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Marvin and Williard Emmert.