

Debbie Charnetski



GH - SEP 21, 2006

Debbie Charnetski of Grinnell died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Thursday, Sept. 21, beginning at 12 noon with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bailey Park School or Grinnell Regional Hospice. Condolences may be submitted online at www.smithfh.com.

The daughter of Milton and Mary Elizabeth Harris Maupin, she was born Sept. 6, 1948, in Chillicothe, Mo. The family moved to Grinnell in 1953. She graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1966. She received a degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls in 1971. She was united in marriage with Don Charnetski on Aug. 18, 1972, in Grinnell. They were the parents of two sons, Matthew and Samuel. She was a lifelong educator, and began teaching at Bailey Park Elementary School in 1972, continuing until her retirement in 2001.

She enjoyed the outdoors including golfing, hiking or skiing. She was an avid reader and spent many hours listening to music, especially the Jersey Boys. She was involved in knitting, making jewelry and learning interior design and decorating. She lived for her sons, and was a good friend to many.

She is survived by her sons Matt of Grinnell and Sam of Cedar Falls and one sister Martha Medlicott of San Jose, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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