Anna Novikova, 32, of Grinnell, formerly of St. Petersburg, Russia, died of cancer Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. A memorial fund in her name will be announced at a later date.

She was born June 1, 1974, in St. Petersburg, the only child of Alexander Novikov and Tatiana Budnikova. She grew up in St. Petersburg, receiving her education there including graduation from St. Petersburg State Academy of Space and Aircraft Engineering with a master’s degree. Following her education, she worked as a graphic and prepress designer for several publishing houses. She was married on June 24, 1994, to Dmitriy Valerievich Shklyarov in St. Petersburg where they resided until moving to Grinnell in October 2001. While living in Grinnell, she was the mother of two children and a homemaker. She was devoted to her children and family, and had hoped to continue her work as a graphic artist in publishing later in life.

She was unfailingly courageous during her battle with cancer her last few years. She had a great love of life, was always caring of people and animals, and a loving friend to all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband; two children, Vasya, 6, and Alisa, 4, and her parents.