Jovita Kay Donnelly



Jovita Kay Donnelly, 59, of Baxter passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at her home in Baxter, under Unity Point Hospice Care. Jovita was born on February 16, 1962, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy (Brinegar) Den Hartog. She attended Eddyville High School and graduated with the Class of 1980. She later attended Indian Hills Community College and then PCI Academy in Ames for cosmetology. On August 30, 1986, she was united in

marriage to Dan Donnelly at the Eddyville Methodist Church in Eddyville, Iowa. To this union two children were born, Sean and Kristin. Jovita worked at Den Hartog Meats during her high school years. After graduating from cosmetology school, she worked for a salon in Ottumwa before opening her own salon "Shear Performance." She continued running her salon until her children were born and she remained at home to raise and take care of them. After her children were grown, Jovita went to work for her parents' company Sho-Me Container Company in Grinnell, Eventually the business was sold and she started her own company, J.S.K. Enterprises which specialized in printing pill dispensers. She continued working at her company until illness forced her to retire. Jovita was very family oriented and loved being a grandmother. She enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Steelers football games with her husband, spending time with her friends and also enjoyed quiet time in her home reading a good book.

Her family includes her husband, Dan Donnelly of Baxter, Iowa; her children, Sean Donnelly of West Des Moines and Kristin (Keenan) Wyngarden of Kenosha, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Bennett and Bodie Wyngarden; her mother, Dorothy Den Hartog of Grinnell, Iowa; and her father in law, Kermit Donnelly of Norwalk.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Den Hartog, a brother, John R. Den Hartog and her mother in law, Gloria Donnelly. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Eddyville Methodist Church in Eddyville, Iowa, with Pastor Jim Dotson officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Eddyville. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation was held Tuesday, June 1, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with the family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral chapel Tuesday, evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.