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## Paula Ferguson

Paula Ferguson, 70, died Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in Carlisle, Iowa. Iles Dunn's Chapel in Des Moines is caring for the family. Per Paula's request, she has been cremated and no services will be held.

Paula Jean "Cookie" Ferguson, was born in Grinnell, Iowa, on Sunday, March 18, 1951, the fourth of five children, to parents Maurice Lee and Mary Marie (Reed) Reavis. She grew up in Grinnell and attended school there.

In 1967 she was united in marriage to William Jim Allen, Jr. The couple lived in Texas and Iowa and had two children, Monty and Stephanie. Their marriage ended in divorce.

Paula was later married to Harvey William "Bill" Ferguson. They lived in Texas and Iowa. She then married Daryl "Butch" Norris. They lived and worked in Burleson, Texas, for many years before returning to Iowa to live in the Des Moines area. She worked at Delongs in Grinnell and did graphic arts for various printing companies. Daryl preceded her in death.

Paula and Bill remarried in 2005 and lived in Des Moines until her death. She was always active, on the go doing one thing or another. She was an avid reader, enjoyed tending her flower and vegetable garden, playing Yahtzee and Bingo, and going to the casino. She loved to crochet and was a master, making dozens of afghans to give to family and friends. Life was fun and busy for her and Bill until her health failed her. She resided in a care facility for several years before her death.

Paula is survived by her husband, Bill; son, Monty (Sherri) Allen, and daughter, Stephanie (Shaun) Heiden; grandchildren, Brittany, Tatashay, Bryan, Lisa, Teresa, and Norma, all from Texas; her stepdaughter, Christine, of Minnesota; her sister, Peggy Reavis Young of Grinnell, Iowa, and brother David John (Dee) Reavis of Glenwood, Iowa; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins scattered throughout the country. Paula was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Frances Creamer and brother, Mick Reavis.

