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## Susie Johnson

Susie Johnson, 68, of Grinnell, died on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Iowa River Hospice House in Marshalltown, Iowa.

A private family service will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to St. John's Episcopal Church and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Susan Janet Eickelberg was born the daughter of Ralph John Eickelberg and Shirlee Anne (Gormly) Eickelberg on November 7, 1952, in Waterloo, Iowa. She was raised in Texas and Des Moines, Iowa, before moving to Grinnell. Susie graduated with the Grinnell High School Class of 1971 and then attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Susie was united in marriage to her middle school sweetheart, Arthur Johnson, on May 25, 1974, in Grinnell at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College Campus. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Jack. They resided in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Knoxville, Iowa, and Grinnell. Susie worked for Schoon Construction for several years. She was a longtime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell.

Susie loved to make people happy by cooking for them, especially for social gatherings. She was a gifted athlete who enjoyed all sports and was a huge Iowa Hawkeyes fan. Her enjoyments were tending to her flower and vegetable garden, socializing with family and friends, taking vacations to relax by the ocean, and enjoying her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her kindness and fun-loving personality, for being an amazing cook, and for being a true and genuine friend to many.

Susie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Art Johnson of Grinnell; daughter, Jennifer (Nathan) Rothschild of Gainesville, Florida, and their children, Joseph and Rebecca; son, Jack (Brandy Rinck) Johnson of Seattle, Washington; and siblings, Terry (Cheryl) Eickelberg of Grimes, Iowa, Phoebe (Mike) O'Connor of Centerville, Iowa, Nancy Baumgartner of Grinnell, Julie (Fred) Reed of Johnston, Iowa, Peggy (Randy) Hausler of Iowa City, Iowa, Ted (Jenelle) Eickelberg of New Braunfels, Texas, and Sarah (Bob) Jameson of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Shirlee (Gormly) Eickelberg.

