

Marilyn Erickson



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Marilyn Erickson, 65, of Grinnell died of cancer Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at her home.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Visitation and lunch will follow the memorial service. Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

The daughter of Otto and Elmira Polkow Bushkofsky, she was born Oct. 18, 1941, in Littleport, Iowa. She was raised and educated in Volga, Iowa. On Aug. 11, 1962, she was united in marriage with Norman Erickson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Volga. The couple lived in Oelwein for several years prior to moving to Grinnell. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church for over 40 years. She was a homemaker and mother while her children were growing up, then was employed as a nurse's aide during the 1970s. She later was a home-health aide, then was employed as a physical therapy aide at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. In the 1990s she owned and operated Peg Designs and Supplies. She was a member of Autumn Leaves and active with Meals on Wheels.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, garage sales, flea markets, flower gardening and watching humming birds. She was an expert lefse maker, and very proud of that achievement.

She is survived by her husband Norman of Grinnell; three children, Matthew Erickson of Grinnell and Susan Thill and Jason Erickson of Des Moines; two step grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce Erickson of Wadena and Juleen Every of Dubuque and two brothers, Ron Bushkofsky of Independence and Loren Bushkofsky of Hooper, Neb. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Robert.