Cynthia L. Roovaart

Cynthia L. Roovaart, 49, of Grinnell died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Cynthia Roovaart were held today (Monday) at 10:30 a.m. at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Brian Chitwood, associate pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers included Jim Haines, Greg Mielak, Randy Miller, Randy Roovaart, Ken Singer and Larry Wray.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born Dec. 31, 1957, she was the daughter of Edward and Naomi Ruth Badger Butcher. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1976.

She was employed at DeLong Sportswear for a short time after school.

On Oct. 31, 1980, she married Marvin Roovaart in Unionville, Mo., and the couple moved to Grinnell. She worked at GTE from 1978 to 1986, then at Purina Mills (Golden Sun) from 1996 to 2000, and at Iowa Telecom from 2000 to 2006. She was working for Interpower Corporation in Oskaloosa at the time of her death.

She also worked at Oakland Acres Golf Course for several years, to earn extra money to spend on her kids while they were in high school.

She enjoyed baking for her family and preparing favorite meals on family members’ birthdays. She enjoyed her grandsons and tending her garden. She also enjoyed arts and crafts. Friends described her as generous.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Vanessa, Nichole and Desiree, all of Grinnell; two grandsons; and two brothers, Phillip Butcher of Fuqvay-Varina, N.C., and Stephen Butcher of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hazelwood Cemetery Landscaping Fund.