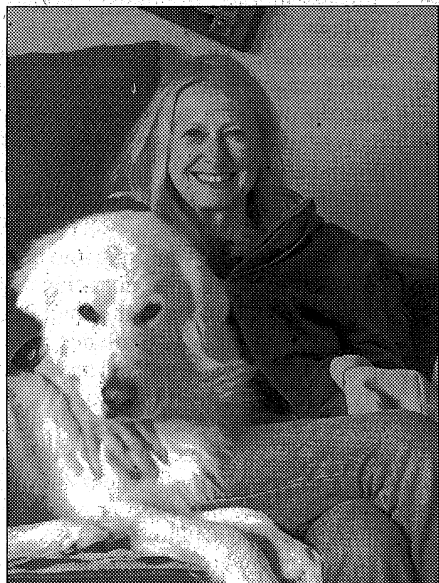


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Rebecca Josephine Cram Hutchison



Rebecca Josephine Cram Hutchison, originally from Grinnell, Iowa, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at her home in Plains, MT, where she resided with her daughter Addy Hutchison-Brown and her husband Chad Brown.

Rebecca was born January 24, 1951, in Fort Carson, Colorado, to LaVaughn "Bonnie" and Phyllis J. Cram. She graduated Grinnell Senior High School and was a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls receiving a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology.

Rebecca met the love of her life, David C. Hutchison, at a local dance in Brooklyn, Iowa, and married on March 9, 1970, in Grinnell. They made their home in Marshalltown, Iowa, where they had four children, Amy, Addy, Marc, and Michael, along with three grandkids, Samantha, Alex, and Carter, and one great-grand child, Josie.

Rebecca "Becky" packed so much life into her years. She traveled, was an AFS exchange student in New Zealand during high school, rode horses, went white water rafting, camping and hiking, had a green thumb in her garden, worked in a profession she loved as a speech pathologist at the Iowa Veterans Home caring for disabled Veterans, chased her dreams, and put one foot in front of the other while battling an incurable Alzheimers disease. She did so with faith, love, grace, dignity, and courage. She had a significant impact on the lives at the Veterans Home while deeply touching the hearts of all whom she came into contact with during her life. Rebecca's greatest joy was her family - creating lasting memories with them. She loved her children and grandchildren more than anything as the love of her life. She was beyond proud of their accomplishments and prayed for them all of her life. Rebecca was a loving family person and devoted supporter of all her children's activities. She truly enjoyed embracing all the beauty of the great outdoors. She especially enjoyed her garden; she was gifted at arranging flowers, wreaths, preserving vegetables and drying various herbs. It would not have been uncommon to run in to her at the farmers market pedaling monster cookies and the various items from herbs to vegetables. Rebecca will especially be remembered for the unconditional love she gave to her family. Endless memories will forever be cherished by her family. Rebecca will never leave our hearts nor our side.

Survivors include her children, Amy Jo Dodd, of Marshalltown, Addy Marie (Chad) Hutchison-Brown, Plains, MT, Marc David Hutchison, Mankato, MN, and Michael Cooper Hutchison, Windsor Heights, IA; three grandchildren, Samantha (Nate) Judge, Alex Dodd and Carter Hutchison; one great granddaughter, Josie Wren Judge; one sister, Judith Anothayanontha of Wichita, TX; and two brothers, Phillip Cram of Jacksonville, FL, and Jeffery Cram of Sherman, TX; as well as many loving and adoring nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband.

A gathering will be held from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Friday, January 12, 2024, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Ivy Hill Cemetery near Malcom. We warmly invite family and friends at this time.

Should friends desire, flowers and/or memorials may be sent. Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association for the continuing research of this debilitating disease, and may be mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.