

Cheryl S. Baker



Cheryl S. Baker, 60, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Cheryl Baker will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday,

Jan. 19, at the Grinnell Christian Church with Rev. John Epperson of the church officiating. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at noon on Friday; the family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.

Born June 25, 1947, in Marshalltown, she was the daughter of Allen Long and Helen Clark Long. She was raised in Marshalltown and graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1967.

She married Glenn Baker on Aug. 10, 1978, in Montezuma. She worked at DeLong Sportswear in Grinnell for a while and, in 1979, began providing child care in her home, which she continued to do for 28 years.

She was a member of the Grinnell Fire Department Auxiliary and the Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary. She enjoyed crafting and could turn something as simple as an old bowling ball into a beautiful lady bug. She enjoyed camping, fishing, cooking and making others smile. She was described "one of a kind," an individual whose memory would live on through the lives of others.

She is survived by her husband; her children, Chad Christy of Cedar Rapids, Carin Christy of Olympia, Wash., and Cayla Baker of Grinnell; four grandchildren; her brothers, Vern Long of State Center and David Long of Marshalltown; her sisters, Pam Wilson of Normal, Ill., and Peggy Sharrock of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Condolences may be submitted to the family on-line via the web site www.smithfh.com.

Memorials may be directed to the Cheryl S. Baker Memorial Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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