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**OBITUARIES**PCCR Jul 8, 2009

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**Diane Baltisberger, 65**

Diane Baltisberger, 65, of Grinnell, passed away June 30, 2009, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 3, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Susan Sanning, Grinnell Regional Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Organist was Denise Baustian and vocalist was Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Joyce Ashby, Norma Brignon, Donna Keup, Pam Kinnaird, Harriet Lincoln, and Judy Sears. Honorary bearers were her fellow members of the Grinnell High School Class of 1962. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Grinnell Regional Home Health Care.

The daughter of Clark and Faye Thornton Brink, she was born Sept. 6, 1943, in Ames. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1962 graduate of Grinnell High School. Following her education, she was employed with GTE, and later with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company.

On Jan. 20, 1968, Diane was united in marriage with Gerald E. Baltisberger, in Shenandoah. The couple continued to live in Grinnell, and she was employed for her father at Clark's GMC Sales as a secretary. She retired in the early 1980's.

Diane was a devoted wife and very loyal to her many friends. She loved her home and took great pride in how she kept her home decorated. She enjoyed flower arranging, shopping, and collecting tea servers. She was considered a great role model to her many friends.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald of Grinnell; and several relatives and good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters in infancy.



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