

## Ellen M. Braaksma



Ellen M. Braaksma, 58, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008, at her home.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John Saxton, chaplain of the Mayflower Community, officiating. Interment was in the Colfax Cemetery at Colfax. Memorials may be made to the Ellen M. Braaksma Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Online condolences may be sent to the Braaksma family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

She was born, the daughter of Edwin Russell and Doris Horn Russell, on Jan. 17, 1950, in Baxter. She was raised in Baxter and graduated from Baxter High School with the class of 1968. She was united in marriage with Robert Braaksma at the Ira Christian Church in Ira on April 14, 1973. The couple resided north of Toledo before moving to Grinnell in 1974. She was a certified

medical aide at St. Francis Manor, Friendship Manor, and the Mayflower Community.

She enjoyed attending garage sales, collecting frog figurines, baking and decorating for the holidays.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Robert Braaksma of Grinnell; her son, Jon Braaksma of St. Peter, Minn.; her brothers, Everett Russell and Donald Russell of Baxter, and her sisters, Millie Conger of West Point and Esther Grife of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Rosemary Russell in 1965.

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