

Deborah Elaine Howard

(Michael)

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The Rev. Father Joseph Rogers of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn officiated. Music was "One Sweet Day" and "Fly Away." Casketbearers were Scott Rinehart, Dean Neitzel, Preston Young, Eldon Snook, Gary Morse and Harold Hester. Interment was in the Guernsey cemetery at Guernsey.

Deborah was born March 27, 1955, at Mason City, the daughter of William Austin Sr., and Elaine (Holtzendorf) Austin. She grew up in the Brooklyn area. She married Steven Neitzel and they were later divorced. She moved to Montezuma and on Feb. 25, 1983, she married Michael Howard. She worked at Sig Manufacturing in Montezuma before retiring in September 1988, due to the progression of her MS.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Michael, of Montezuma; two daughters, Wendi Austin of Guernsey and Angie Neitzel of Montezuma; one granddaughter, Madison Austin, of Guernsey; her mother, Elaine Austin of Mason City; two brothers, Greg Austin and family of Brooklyn and William "Bill" Austin Jr. and family of Waterloo; and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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