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Linda Carol Thomas



Linda Carol Thomas, 65, of Chesterfield, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at The

Cedars Jewish Center for the Aging.

A wake will be held in St. Louis, Mo., and a family service will be held in Grinnell at a later date. Memorials in her name may be made to American Cancer Society.

The daughter of Carl and Zella Buck Benson, she was born June 9, 1939, in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1957. She continued her education at Simpson College in Indianola, graduating *cum laude* in 1961, then completing work for her master's degree from the University of West Virginia. She worked for over 20 years at Clinical Pathology Lab in Des Moines. In 1986 she moved to St. Louis and worked for Sigma Diagnostics until 2002 as their head technical specification writer, then for Trinity Biotech until her death. Her interests included crossstitch and other craft projects and she had a variety of interesting collections. She enjoyed all types of music and played classical guitar. She was an avid reader, both of fiction and non-fiction. She closely followed the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and was a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

She is survived by her mother Zella Benson of Grinnell, one sister, Sally Maring, and one brother David Benson, both of Grinnell, five nieces and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Benson.