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She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, who enjoyed her many friends there and their support. She enjoyed painting.

She had fought a long battle with esophageal cancer and later lung cancer. She was in hospice care at Friendship Manor where she continued her sense of humor and fun loving.

Her dearest friend of more than 40 years was Joan Anderson, and her extended family included the Anderson children, Marlys Anderson, Scott Anderson and Tim Anderson. A special friend to her and her extended family in her final months was Tom Moore.

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After being disabled, she rediscovered the artist within her, sketching kittens, and other pets. She painted fun posters and gourd birdhouses.

She fought a long battle with esophageal cancer requiring her voice box to be removed. Her fun loving spirit was not daunted and she continued to laugh and have fun until she was also diagnosed with lung cancer. She made her decision not to pursue further active treatment of her disease in early spring. She was in Hospice care at Friendship Manor where her fun loving continued and she enjoyed visits from her friends.

Joan Anderson of Grinnell was her dearest friend of more than 40 years. Corky's extended family included Joan's children, Marlys Anderson, Scott Anderson and Tim Anderson. Tom Moore was a special friend to Corky in the last months of her life. He was a great comfort and support to her and her extended family.



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