Tanya Engstrom



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In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Tanya was born on Sept. 2, 1951, in Keosauqua, the daughter of Ralph and Waneta Thoman Cole. She graduated from East High School in Des Moines in 1968. Tanya was united in marriage with Gene Engstrom on Dec. 14, 1968, at St. John Lutheran Church in Des Moines. She enjoyed reading, sewing and quilting, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister Jan Fitzgerald and her grandparents

Survivors include her husband Gene of Tama; parents, Ralph and Waneta Cole of Grinnell; five daughters, Tammy Plowman of Marshalltown, Melissa Sivola of Vinton, Christina Stevens of West Des Moines, Marissa Quandahl of Decorah, and Amanda Flater of Plymouth, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; two brothers, Marv Cole of Redfield, and Rick Cole of Des Moines; and many nieces and nephews.

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Survivors include, among others, her parents Ralph and Waneta Cole of Grinnell. Fuller obituary to follow.