

Penelope Joan Adams, 70

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Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Mr. Bill Olson, deacon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, officiating. Honorary bearers were Brad Roth, Justin O'Halloran, Cody Frahm, Bryan O'Halloran, Jason Roethler, Sarah Jacoby, and Brian Brickles. Readers were Brandi Roethler and Bethany Jacoby. Burial will be held at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Iowa Hospice.

Penny was born June 14, 1941, in Waterloo, the daughter of Emil and Elna Van Pelt Beran. She was raised in Waterloo and was a 1959 graduate of Our Lady of Victory Academy in Waterloo. Following high school, she was employed at a physician's office in Waterloo.

On Sept. 17, 1960, she was united in marriage to Richard L. Jacoby, Sr., at St. Edmonds Catholic Church in Waterloo. To this union, six children were born, Kimberly, Bridget, Traci, Jennifer, Jeanne, and Rick. The couple were later divorced in 1979.

She was employed as a secretary to the secretary of Grinnell College from 1978 until 1990 and then as a secretary at Charnetski, Olson and Lacina Law Firm for a year.

Penny was united in marriage to Jerry Adams on Sept. 1, 1989, at Lake Ponderosa, where the couple made their home.

She was a member of a grandmother's club in Grinnell, a bridge club, and bowling leagues in Belle Plaine and Grinnell. She enjoyed boating and fishing, reading, scrapbooking, and quilting.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of Lake Ponderosa; seven children, Kimberly Jacoby of Grinnell, Bridget (Mark) Ringgenberg of Oskaloosa, Traci (Warran) Frahm of Victor, Jennifer (Mike) O'Halloran of Tualatin, Ore., Jeanne (Steve) Roethler of Cedar Rapids, Rick (Karla) Jacoby of Grinnell, and Dalaina (Mary) Gobeli of Colfax; two sisters, Pam (Hoot) Niederhauser of Columbia, Mo., and Pat (Jim) Barnes of Bettendorf; one brother, Tom (Michael) Beran of Palm Springs, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Visitation with the family present will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Smith Funeral Home.

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