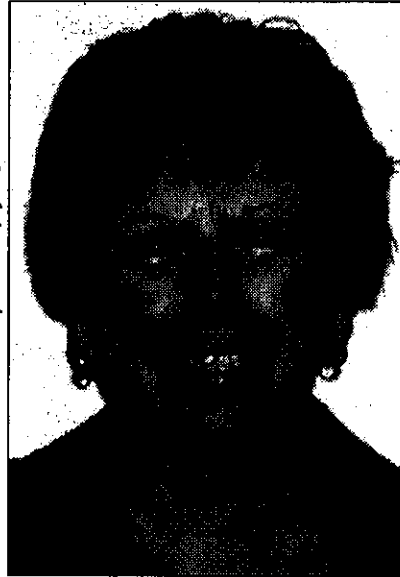


Linda K. Folkerds



Linda K. Folkerds, 64, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center with her family by her side.

A celebration of her life was scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 22, at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College campus, with the Rev. Deanna L. K. Shorb, Grinnell College chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers were her nephews Charlie Bills, Brandon Bills, Mark Bills, Andy Bills, and Dean Miller, and her neighbor and good friend Paul Swick.

Visitation was held Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Linda was born on July 15, 1948, in Hampton to Myrna Blankenship Bills. She was raised in Rockwell and graduated from Rockwell High School with the class of 1966. She later received her associate's degree from Hamilton Business College in Mason City.

On Nov. 28, 1986, she was united in marriage with Roger Lee Folkerds at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hampton. They moved to Grinnell in 1987. Linda worked at the Manly Law Firm for 13

Kevin said his older brother, Andrew, a senior in agricultural studies at Iowa State, has already had offers.

"Today the employers send portfolios about their businesses. Andrew's also had internships with some of these companies, so he knows them," Kevin said.

Kevin said today's students have more study abroad opportunities. He said he didn't take an agricultural travel course back in the 1970s because it was difficult to take time away from the family farm near Rockwell City, especially during the summer.

"These students understand diversity and they have lots of opportunities to study abroad," Kevin said.

Kevin and his wife, Linda, who graduated in 1983 with a marketing degree, live near Rockwell City on the farm where Kevin grew up.

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Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.