

Tanya Richards ^{GH-R} 4-8-2013



Tanya Richards, 42, formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, April 5, 2013, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, with a Celebration of Life Service at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, at the church.

Memorials may be directed to friendsoftent.com through Wells Fargo Bank or the Susan G. Komen cancer fund. Online condolences may be made at mclarensresthavenchapel.com

Tanya Irene Clausen was born Jan. 20, 1971, in Marshalltown, to John Boyd Clausen and Patricia Alice Stonewall Clausen. She graduated from Gladbrook-Reinbeck High School and earned an EDD degree at the University of Northern Iowa, then served as a school psychologist through Heartland Area Education Agency from 1996 through 2013.

She was united in marriage with Tom Richards on Aug. 3, 1996, at Tanya's home church, Peace United Church of Christ in Gladbrook. They were the third consecutive generation couple in Tanya's family to have met on a blind date. They spent their married life in the Des Moines area.

Together they enjoyed Iowa State, UNI, and Green Bay Packer sporting events. Tanya was also active in church and spending time with many friends. The family and extended family enjoyed several fishing trips to Minnesota and Canada.

She is survived by her husband and their two sons, Noah Thomas and Ethan John; as well as her father, John and step-mother, Patricia Ann; brother, Matt Clausen; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Alice, and her grandparents.