

Janet Austin ^{64-R} 2-27-2014

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Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 3, at the Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and the family will be present from 2 to 4 Sunday afternoon.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Wounded Warrior Project.

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She was married to Allen Thompson and they shared five children together. For several years she was a farm wife and kept busy raising her family. Later in life, she was employed, for 38 years, in the OB Department at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She retired in 2013.

On Nov. 1, 2002, she was united in marriage to James Austin, at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas and the couple continued to live in Grinnell. They enjoyed vacationing in Vegas and spending time together.

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Survivors include her husband, Jim of Grinnell; five children, Debbie Talbert of Brooklyn, Teresa (Kevin) Hershberger of West Des Moines, Dan (Heidi) Thompson of Grinnell, Lynda (Matt) Eilander of Newton and Mike (Erin) Thompson of Gilman; one brother, Ed (Beth) Johnston of Grinnell; one sister, Phyllis (Gary) Thompson of Montezuma; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a good friend, Linda Neels of Montezuma; and her dog, Zeva.

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