

JOANN DARLENE BRAAKSMA

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Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the Union Mills Christian Church. Burial was in the West Liberty Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed in JoAnn's name to the Hospice Serenity House. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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JoAnn was a lifelong resident of the area and enjoyed her flower gardens, flea markets, sewing, dancing and all the grandkids and great grandkids. She will be remembered in our hearts as a very hard worker and a kind heart that would help anyone out. She accepted Jesus as her savior on January 6, 2011.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Lee DeHoedt; and two siblings, Jerry VanDoorn and Nellie Polka.

JoAnn is survived by her loving husband Bob Braaksma; two sons, Dale (Debbie) DeHoedt, Dean (Dodie) DeHoedt; one daughter, Diane DeHoedt of Marion; three stepsons, Gene Braaksma, Curtis (Jann) Braaksma and Ron Braaksma all of Lynnvile; three granddaughters, Ashley (Trevor) Conrad of Wellman, Katie DeHoedt of Cedar Rapids and Sarah (Chad) Brendlinger of Gilman; two grandsons, Casey DeHoedt of Cedar Rapids and Brian Thomas of Oskaloosa; as well as many relatives and friends. *Record 11-20-2014*

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