

Retha May Morton, 63

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Funeral services for Mrs. Morton will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Pallbearers will be Larry Jack Delk, Jeffrey Ebert, Rusty Ervin, Jim Haines, Brian Kelm, and Justen Rice. Honorary bearer will be Brandon Richardson. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

The daughter of Jack and Zella Haines Delk, she was born July 16, 1942, in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1961 graduate of Grinnell High School. She lived most of her life in Grinnell, and was employed at Midwest Manufacturing in Kellogg, and for several years at DeLong Sportswear. She later was employed at Caseys General Store and retired in May of 2001. She was married to Larry Morton on September 24, 1988, in Guernsey.

Survivors include her husband, Larry of Grinnell; two sons, Eric Rice of Savannah, Ga., and Ray Rice of Grinnell; four daughters, Tena Rice of Ramona, Okla., Sharon Gabrielson of Newton, Teresa Behrens of Grinnell, and Jackie Pettigrew of Jacksonville, N.C.; one step-son, Bob Morton of Otley; one brother, Jack Butch Delk of Grinnell; three sisters, Sharon Daugherty, Betty Hall and Mari Barnes, all of Grinnell; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Raymond Delk; and one great-grandchild, Taylor Marie Rice.



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Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

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