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## Vonda Lee Erickson Gooding, 74

Vonda Lee Erickson Gooding, 74, died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

Born in Lake Charles, La., Nov. 16, 1940, to Harlan and Irene Washburn Erickson. At the age of eight, the family moved to Hickory Grove, north of Mount Pleasant. Vonda graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and went on to graduate as an RN from the Burlington School of Nursing.

Vonda married Dwaine Gooding on Aug. 10, 1963. To this union one son was born, Erik Dwaine Gooding in 1966.

Vonda was an avid Hawkeye fan and was very proud of her son who marched for the Hawkeye Marching Band in the late 1980s. She was also fond of playing Shanghai rummy with her friends that she considered her sisters.

Vonda loved her church and all the members of Faith Lutheran

Church. Her granddaughters were so very important to her, she cherished every moment she had with them. She was adventurous and always kept you on your toes. She treasured all those who touched her life, from the beginning to the end. To her, friends were family. You always knew where you stood with Vonda.

Before uniting in marriage, Dwaine had made his home with the Eugene Merck family, graduating from the Deep River schools. He later moved to Montezuma with the family.

Survivors include her husband Dwaine, of West Burlington; her son and daughter-in-law, Erik and Beth Gooding of Moorhead, Minnesota; and three granddaughters, Emma, Lily and Zoie, also of Moorhead. Her parents, Harlan and Irene, preceded her in death.