

OBITUARIES

GRINNELL RESIDENT

Lora Graham, 57



Lora Marie (Johnson) Graham, 57, of Grinnell, Iowa died on Wednesday, March

16, 2016, as a result of a stroke suffered on Saturday, March 12th. She passed at the University of Iowa Hospitals, where family surrounded her.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Brian Chitwood (Madison Church of Christ) officiating. Interment will be in Haven Cemetery near Chelsea, Iowa. Visitation was held prior to her service at the Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be designated to the Lora M. Graham Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

Lora was born at St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell, Iowa on February 10, 1959, to Gale and Alice (Eversdyk) Johnson. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1977.

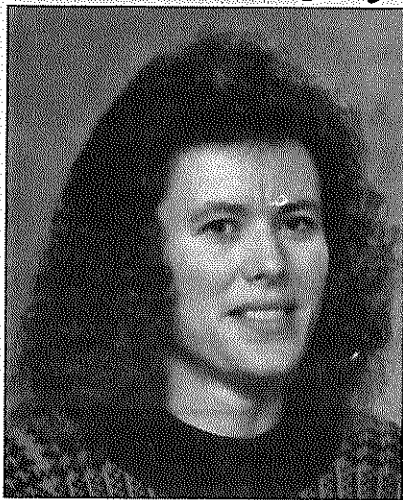
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the life of a farmer's wife. Their two sons, Tyson, and Troy, whom Lora loved to mother and took great pleasure in, increased their life and joy. After Kevin's untimely and unexpected death, she went to work at the Vanity Fair in Williamsburg, until she became ill in January.

Lora spent her free time cross-stitching, adult coloring books that she found therapeutic, challenging crossword puzzles, word finds, watching movies, playing board games, and more recently the app STOP with her dear sister and best friend, Vickey. She had an insatiable appetite for all things chocolate and especially peanut M&M's.

She is survived by her two sons, Tyson (Carolyn) Graham of Wesley Chapel, Florida and Troy Graham of Omaha, Nebraska; three grandchildren, Noah, Emerson and Miles; siblings, Vickey (Mark) Benshoof of Mohave Valley, Arizona, and Marty (Diane) Johnson of Grinnell; sister-in-law, Sherry Kornas-Johnson; brother-in-law, Dan McDowell of Grinnell; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her special companion, Brian Kelm and his son, Andrew, who she adored. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kevin; and brother, Steve. All loved her and her family and friends were her absolute world.

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A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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Visitation will be held prior to her service beginning at 9 a.m. at the Smith Funeral Home.

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