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## Maria Lynn Bailey 5-5-2016



Maria Lynn Bailey, 56, of Grinnell, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2016, after a long battle with breast cancer.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 11, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community, 600 Park Street in Grinnell, with Pastor John Epperson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to Lynn's service. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Buckley Dining Room at the Mayflower Community.

Memorials may be designated to the M. Lynn Bailey Memorial Fund, mailed in care of

the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memorials and condolences may be shared with Lynn's family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Lynn was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on June 9, 1959, to Loren and Lorraine Mouw Eichkoff. She moved to Grinnell her senior year and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1977. She was joined in marriage to Terry Lee "Buzz" Bailey on March 14, 1980. She spent years on the road with Terry's career as a superintendent. The family settled in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., and Lynn went to work as a bank teller at Pioneer Credit Union and later as a secretary for the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club.

Outside of work, Lynn enjoyed golf night with the ladies, boating, any and all crafting, and countless outdoor activities with Buzz and the kids. After moving back to the family farm, she took a job at Deere Community Credit Union for a couple years then went back on the road with Terry.

When Terry became ill, they moved back home to the farm to be closer to family. Lynn took great pleasure in spending all her time tending to her grandchildren and her chickens. Her positivity and strength during these difficult last years will forever be unmatched.

Lynn is survived by her mother Loraine of Iowa City; sister, Lori Adams of Coralville; son, Russell (Calaye) of Grinnell; daughter, Amber (Matt) Frazier of Oskaloosa; four grandchildren, Taleah & Paxton Bailey and Dylan & Wyatt Frazier; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Marty (Vonna) Bailey of Grinnell, Brent (Terri) Bailey of Spring, Texas, Lisa (Jim) Klipfel of Colorado City, Colo., and Scott (Leslie) Bailey of Crawfordsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Lee Bailey; and her father, Loren W. Eichkoff.