

Debra 'Deb' Bennington



Debra "Deb" Bennington, 61, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at the Iowa River Hospice Home with her family by her side.

Following Deb's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and her family will be having a "Celebration of Life" for Deb held on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Eagles in Grinnell. Contributions may be made to the Deb Bennington Memorial Fund set up at Wells Fargo Bank. For further information or to send condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com or call 641-844-

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1234. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Debra Wilkens was born May 26, 1955, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Robert and Mildred Balmer Wilkens. She was raised and educated in the SEMCO school district, graduating from SEMCO High School. Following high school, she went on to Marshalltown Community College where she obtained her Associates Degree in human service rehab. On Dec. 31, 2005, she married Victor Bennington in New Sharon.

She was a very dedicated woman when it came to caring for others, and spent 13 years devoted to working as a CNA at the Iowa Veterans Home. Deb had a passion for painting, gardening, cooking, canning, crocheting and helping others.

She is survived by her husband Victor Bennington; her parents; children: Dan Ceaser, Angie Ceaser, Matt Ceaser, and Marcie Ceaser; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her siblings Sher, Barb, Sandy, Bob, Don, Steve, and Roger; and several other relations, as well as her dog Mia.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ed.