6H-R 7-17-2017 **Obituaries**

Sonja Lynn Fenner



Sonja Lynn Fenner, 56, of Gilman, died Friday, July 14, 2017, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 22, at the Gilman Community-United Church of Christ. A private family interment will be held at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. A

gathering will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. following the memorial service in the city lot, 124 North Main St. in Gilman.

Should friends desire, memorials in Sonja's name may be directed to the Gilman First Responders and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Sonja was born on Dec. 12, 1960, in Logan, WV, to Clettis and Helen Rogers Fenner.

She moved to Gilman from Forest Park, Ill., in 2002 and developed a long-term relationship with Mark Stubbs. She especially enjoyed her dogs and her recent pet dog, Suzie, was a loyal companion.

Sonja was afflicted by juvenile diabetes during her life but didn't let the disease define her. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, baking and trips to the casino.

Survivors include her companion, Mark Stubbs of Gilman; her mother, Helen Reed of Iowa and Illinois; her two sisters, Debbie Chandler of Charleston, WV, and Yolanda Heng of Grinnell; and three brothers, Rex Fenner of Naperville, Ill., and Rock Fenner and Steven Fenner, both of Bolingbrook, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her father.