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## OBITUARIES/AREA NEWS

### GRINNELL RESIDENT

# Kathleen "Kathy" Burkett, 74



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Memorials may be directed to Project Alive or to the Hunter Syndrome Foundation and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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