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Kathleen Irving

Kathleen Irving, 45, of Searsboro and formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Lonnski's Pub & Deli, 908 Main Street in Grinnell, with a potluck on Sunday, Dec. 17, at Rabbit's Tavern at noon.

Memorials may be directed to the Kathleen Irving Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Kathleen was born on Sept. 21, 1972, in Marshalltown, Iowa. Her parents, Donald and Janet O'Neal Irving, brought her home with joy and excitement. She grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1991. She continued her education, graduating from Hamilton Business College.

Anyone who knew Kathleen knew that she held a great love and passion for animals, especially dogs. She dabbled in photography and always rooted for the Chicago Bears and was a huge fan of Walter Payton. Kathleen was a very passionate and outspoken woman. She could walk into a place as a stranger and leave with everyone yelling, "Good-bye." She was a true people person and was a genuine, caring woman. You always knew when Kathleen was around by her laugh. Her body art was her expression and remembrance of events and likes in her life. She will be dearly missed.

Kathleen is survived by her brother, Michael (Cara) Irving of Knoxville, Iowa; one niece, Grace Irving; her mother, Janet (Bill) Duncan-O'Neal; and several aunts, cousins and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Irving; three uncles; and a step-sister.

