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## 12-18-2017 Donna Jean Johnson

Donna Jean Johnson, 60, of Grinnell died on December 17, 2017, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 21, at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Garrison, Sheridan Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be Juli Bey. Pallbearers will be Kendra Mathias, Katie Hoffmann, Jake Axmear, Deanna Bakken, Daryl Bidwell, Josie Axmear, and Brandon Overturf. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Donna Johnson Memorial Fund or to Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Donna was born on December 10, 1957, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Robert Michael and Linda Lee Schultz Overturf. She was raised on the family farm near Grinnell and attended school in the Grinnell-Newburg School District. She was a 1976 graduate of Grinnell High School and class president. She attended University of Northern Iowa, Hawkeye Tech and later Bellevue University, obtaining her college degree by the age of 50.

On June 8, 1979, she was united in marriage with Kenneth Duane Johnson, at the Sheridan Methodist Church, northeast of Grinnell, a union of 38 years.

Donna was employed at Donaldson, Inc. in Grinnell for 33 years as an Inventory Supervisor. She retired in December of 2012.

She was a member of the Sheridan Methodist Church, Grinnell United Methodist Church, GNEE Board, Grinnell-Newburg Alumni Board, and the Worthwhile Club. She was a long-time member of APICS.

Donna enjoyed going to the Iowa State Fair every year and had the same camping spot for 31 years. She was an annual participant in the Egg Rolling Contest at the State Fair. After winning the first place trophy, she went back every year to reclaim her title and passed that tradition on to the grandkids. She also enjoyed family camping trips to Pulpit Rock Campground in Decorah and participating in community events; helping with the food booth fundraising at the Poweshiek County Fair; and helping with GNEE fundraising. She enjoyed getting together with friends to play pickle ball and looked forward to Class of '76 events from reunions to monthly get-togethers.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Johnson of Grinnell; two daughters, Jennifer (Steve) Ashing of Grinnell and Erica (Josh) Urfer of Montezuma; four grandchildren, John and Reese Ashing of Grinnell and Leah and Alexis Urfer of Montezuma; her parents, Robert and Linda Overturf of Malcom; two sisters, Dianne (Dale) Bidwell of Tama and Jane (Jerry) Axmear of Malcom; one brother, Mike Overturf of North Liberty; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a nephew, Steven Michael Overturf.



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