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Karen Sue Puls 1-19-2018

Karen Sue Puls, 75, of Grinnell passed away on January 13, 2018, at her home, surrounded by all her family on her journey to Heaven.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Phil Culham, pastor of the Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell, officiating. Honorary bearers will be Joshua Van Ersvelde, Corey Puls, Dustin Puls, Eric Puls, Brianna Ziebol, Teal Puls, Mandie Martin, Lauren Puls and Victoria Puls. A private burial will be held at a later date at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, rural Poweshiek County.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Visitation with the family present will be held 2 hours prior to the memorial service, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

A celebration of life reception and lunch will be held at the Grinnell Eagles Club following the memorial service.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Karen Puls Memorial Fund.

Karen was born on July 4, 1942, in Grinnell, the daughter of Lee and Doris "Madge" Rice Pickens. She was raised in Grinnell and attended school in Grinnell.

On August 26, 1961, she was united in marriage with Richard John Puls at Trinity Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Grinnell and she operated a day care center in home for 30 years while raising her four children. For many years, Karen and Dick were also foster parents to 35 children!

Karen was a devoted wife and mother and loved sharing her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker and held a passion for decorating her home inside and out for all the holidays and cooking for the holidays, too. Her hobbies included craft-work and decorating wedding ceremonies. She enjoyed camping and sitting by the campfire sharing her favorite childhood stories and singing songs with her family and friends. Attending the Iowa State Fair and hosting family reunions were especially fun. She always said she was a "lousy bowler" but she loved to bowl and held a passion for the game! She always looked forward to tournament play.

Karen was a member of the Lady Elks and Eagles Auxiliary in Grinnell.

She is survived by her husband, Dick of Grinnell; four children, Derek (Denise) Puls of Saginaw, Texas, Kelle (Ron Moulds) Martin of Grinnell, Kirk (Becky) Puls of Lewisville, Texas, and Troy Puls of Grinnell; two brothers, Kenneth Pickens of Crestview, Florida, and Patrick Pickens of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; nine grandchildren, Lauren Puls, Joshua (Rachel) Van Ersvelde, Mandie Martin, Eric (Ana) Puls, Victoria Puls, Brianna (Mitchell) Ziebol, Corey Puls, Dustin (Brittany) Puls and Teal (Henry) Puls; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Sandra Adams.



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